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New pedestrian, parking zones will pave our way to a brighter future

The Task Force has a master plan — Restructure the upper village to pre-position Bethel for tapping economic potential of the new East-West Highway

With the long-discussed East-West Highway now well on its way to becoming a reality, the 'Exit 1: Bethel' Task Force has unveiled its grand vision for optimizing the town's ability to take maximum advantage of this milestone development in the advance of asphalt.

EIBTF has also announced that it has negotiated preliminary commitment on a \$10 million federal grant, which will make it possible for the necessary infrastructure overhaul to be completed at no cost to local taxpayers.

The East-West Highway (aka: "The Big EW" or, to its opponents, "The Highway to Hell") has long been the dream of business interests in eastern Maine, and of the politically powerful sand-and-gravel lobby.

They envision a four-lane, limited-access interstate highway linking to the east with the Canadian Maritime Provinces and to the west with the large markets of Quebec, Ontario, and the Midwestern United States.

Now, with the outspoken support of Maine's Congressional delegation and new governor, that dream is highbaling toward reality.

In western Maine the EW will follow the corridor of the current Route 2 — bringing it within a quick "Easy-off, Easy-on" of Bethel village.

"It's coming. No a doubt about that," said EIBTF chairman Frank Vogt. "In fact, Bechtel has us penciled in right after they finish up the punch list on the Big Dig." ("That might be a while," he conceded.)

Vogt, the eminence grise of Bethel planning, was called out of retirement to head the new task force.

He was frank about the urgency of the situation the town now finds itself in. "Since the EW is going to be rammed through here whether we want it or not," he said, "the only rational question is: 'How do we turn this lemon into lemonade?' If we just wring our hands, or stick our heads in the Comp Plan and do nothing, Bethel will simply be shouldered aside, just another dreary bit of road kill on the freeway that is called 'progress'."

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The EIBTF is a private coalition of self-selected, concerned (and, needless to say, far-sighted) citizens. Its members are drawn from all

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UPPER BETHEL VILLAGE PARK

(Artist's rendering)

In a nutshell — Pedestrian park will replace upper Main Street, and the area between High and Railroad streets will be paved to provide parking for tourists

The plan developed by the 'Exit 1: Bethel' Task Force is inspired by Boston's "Big Dig" and similar projects across the country and in Europe, where traffic has been rerouted out of city centers in order to create pedestrian-friendly, park-like greenspace.

But where Boston's Central Artery traffic was routed underground, Bethel's upper Main Street traffic, from the Civil War monument west, will be shunted off along High Street, which will be widened and renamed "Haut Main." Traffic below the monument, on "Bas Main," will not be affected.

Haut Main would end at Gould's McLaughlin Museum of Art and Technology. (The intersection here, with Elm Street, will be designed by the same crack MDOT engineering team that gave Bethel the Parkway/Route 2 multiple-choice rat maze.)

Where upper Main Street is now, pavement and sidewalks will be ripped up and the entire area replanted to create a pedestrian park. The park will be tastefully merged with existing green-space (i.e., private lawns).

To deal with the slope in the upper part of the area, a series of rock retaining walls will be used to create small level areas, which will accommodate benches, water fountains, informational kiosks and other tourist amenities. Brick pathways will run along each side of the park, roughly along the route followed by the current sidewalks.

Utilities will be run underground, eliminating the need for unsightly poles and wires.

To accommodate the increased need for parking as visitor traffic from the East-West Highway (see related story) increases, a two-phased approach will be used.

Initially, the area between High and Summer streets will be paved, and later, when the need increases, Summer Street will be eliminated and the entire area between Haut Main and Railroad Street will be paved.

"Railroad Street is really the linchpin for this," said EIBTF Chairman Frank Vogt, "because it will become the on-off connector to the EW, the first stop in Maine for all those tourists headed toward the coast."

Regrettably, Vogt conceded, some existing structures will need to be

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Town Meeting season wraps up

Greenwood unanimously approves Comp Plan

By MICHAEL DANIELS

By noon it was all over but the eating.

With dispatch, occasionally leavened by humor, Greenwood voters moved through a 38-article Town Meeting warrant in only two hours Saturday.

That left them free to enjoy at their leisure the traditional Town Meeting luncheon buffet put on by the Fire Department Auxiliary.

Meeting moderator Vern Maxfield set the tone for the day early. In a routine question addressed each year to the audience to find

out if there were any out-of-town people present, Maxfield — whose day job is as town manager in Woodstock — inadvertently asked: "Are there any non-Woodstock residents present?"

Since nearly everyone present was in fact from Greenwood, most good-naturedly laughed and raised their hands.

From there things proceeded briskly. All the articles on the warrant were approved, most either unanimously or nearly so.

Included among the unanimously approved articles was a new Com-

prehensive Plan, intended to guide the future development of the town.

The closest vote of the day came early, in a two-way contest between Rickie Osgood and Ivan Roberts for a three-year term on the Board of Selectmen.

The first round of balloting resulted in a 21-21 tie, prompting resident Fran Piccirillo to suggest that each candidate state briefly why he was running.

In his remarks, Roberts said he believed, "Greenwood shouldn't become a bedroom town of Sunday River."

He won the second ballot 24-19, and takes the seat held by Ken Roberts, who chose not to run for re-election.

The only other close vote came on an article proposing that the Greenwood/Woodstock Solid Waste Committee be authorized to charge a fee for appliances and demolition debris disposed of at the transfer station shared by the two towns.

First Selectman Wayne Hakala said the fees were necessary be-

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Woodstock mail will still go to 'Bryant Pond'

By ALISON ALOISIO

The name of the Bryant Pond Post Office will stay as it is, despite efforts by Woodstock residents living outside the village to change it.

Residents at Monday's Town Meeting voted 91-65 against changing the name to the Woodstock Post Office.

The issue drew considerable debate.

"I don't live in Bryant Pond, I live in Woodstock," said one resi-

dent.

Others agreed, saying the name change would be fair, because all townspeople live in Woodstock and the name would better represent the town as a whole.

Hank Foreman said the name creates confusion in postal deliveries. If voters didn't want to change the post office name, he said, then they should consider changing the name of the whole town to Bryant Pond.

Ethel Davis said the fire depart-

ment and school bear the name Woodstock, so the post office should, too.

People on the other side of the issue had both practical and sentimental concerns. Some said they had had their addresses changed in the 911 system implementation, and didn't want to go through it again.

Others said the name Bryant Pond has historic value, because it is named after its first settler, Christopher Bryant. They also cited

the famous Bryant Pond Telephone Co., known for its crank telephone system that operated into the 1980s.

But Nancy Willard said it was time to move forward and go with a more representative name. Bryant Pond was chosen as the post office name originally, she said, because the mail was delivered by train and left at the "Bryant Pond" stop. Because the mail no longer comes by train, she said, "we don't need

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Gilead socks away money for Bicentennial party

By ALISON ALOISIO

Gilead voters turned out in force for Saturday's Town Meeting, which was highlighted by a selectman's contest and a retirement party for a town official.

About 70 people — twice the recent average — attended the meeting.

Jay Milot defeated Danny Cole 30-16 in a secret ballot to fill the selectman's position vacated by Daniel Barnes.

Fred Corriveau, running unop-

posed, was elected as highway commissioner. He replaces Ted Taylor, who retired after 32 years of service.

Several incumbents were re-elected unopposed, including Linsley Chapman as town clerk, treasurer and registrar of voters; Beverly Corriveau as tax collector and Maxine Corriveau as School Committee member.

Bicentennial, ambulance costs

Townspeople approved — with-

out a word of discussion — \$5,000 to go toward a town Bicentennial celebration in 2004.

"Looks like they want a party," commented moderator Wendy Hanscom.

But voters balked at a request from Bethel for an increase in the town's ambulance costs. Gilead has paid \$2,500 a year for the past dozen years. Scott Cole, Bethel's town manager, used a formula this year to calculate the costs shared among the towns served by Bethel

Rescue.

The total cost needed to support the service, beyond funds collected through patient billing, is \$59,934, Cole said. Using population to calculate each town's portion, he came up with \$4,398 for Gilead.

Gilead selectmen said, however, there are few calls that actually involve townspeople. Most calls, they said, are for accidents on Route 2, and town officials don't

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'Hams' survive cell phones and Internet

And they can provide a crucial last-line of emergency communication

By ALISON ALOISIO

On a five-watt radio hooked up to a wire in his backyard, Jack Chapman of Bethel sends and receives Morse code messages to Albania, New Zealand, the Ukraine and Israel.

"It's kind of like going fishing," he said.

Although many of us in the Bethel area have jumped on the cell phone/Internet bandwagon as a way to communicate, both locally and around the globe, there are still some who prefer the traditional airwaves of the ham radio operator.

Chapman is among them. He got hooked on amateur radio 35 years ago. "I heard hams talking and decided I wanted to do that," he said.

Hams, who must be licensed by the Federal Communications Commission, occupy nine bands, or frequencies, that range above those of AM radio.

The hobby dates back almost to the beginning of radio, early in the 20th century. The name "ham" was coined by professional wireless operators, who became frustrated when the amateurs interfered with their broadcast bands. The uncomplicated handle stuck, although its original connotation has disappeared, according to the Amateur Radio Relay League Web site.

Although the hobby has evolved to the point that many hams talk over a portable handheld radio from their cars, Chapman still enjoys communicating with Morse code. The challenge for him is to use atmospheric conditions to his advantage to see how far he can project a radio signal. "I'm just look-

ing for a quick signal report from foreign operators," he said.

That means simply obtaining information on the power and frequency at which the foreign ham is operating. Chapman records the information on a card, and keeps a collection of his contacts.

Some ham radio organizations recognize members when they reach a milestone number of countries contacted. Competitions are also offered for hams to see how many contacts they can make over a weekend.

The ability to broadcast is affected by the earth's ionic and magnetic makeup at any given time, Chapman said. That, in turn, is affected by the sun's sunspot cycle, which runs an 11-year course.

"It's you and Mother Nature, and what Mother Nature gives you," Chapman said. "For me, it's kind of spiritual," he said, to be able to put a wire up in the backyard, "and talk to someone on the other side of the world."

Seabury Lyon of West Bethel also likes the challenge of communicating using less power than a small flashlight.

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Letters

JUSTICE FOR DARREN TRIPP

To the Editor:

I am not a letter-writing guy, but my respect for Darren Tripp makes me feel like this is something I have to do. My first encounter with Darren was a very unusual situation one summer day about 15 years ago when four fellow police officers and I were target shooting on my property, making quite a racket, when all of a sudden we heard a loudspeaker announce: "This is the Bethel Police, please stop firing your weapons and place them on the ground." This issue was resolved. The other officers and I had a lot of respect for Officer Darren Tripp that day to drive up a dead-end road one-half mile into the woods, when at that time there were no buildings or anything at all, just five men he had never laid eyes on in his life firing guns. Now 15 years later no longer in law enforcement raising my family on what was that empty property 15 years ago.

Not only is Darren a great law enforcement officer, he is also a great community officer. At the request of my wife, Darren went to the West Bethel Children's Center and spent quality time reading a book and letting these children in preschool know that a policeman is your friend.

Chief Tripp is not only a friend he is an asset to our children, our community and most of all our Police Department.

Darren has helped this town get to where it is today. Now it is time for this town to help Darren.

Jay Driscoll
Bethel

TRIBUTE TO ERNEST S. DOWNS

To the Editor:

The Mahoosuc Music Makers Community Band was saddened by the death last week of our director, Ernie Downs. Ernie joined the band's trumpet section several years ago after he had retired as a public school music educator. He had recently returned to live in his family home in Mexico and was spending his time with his two loves — playing his trumpet and playing golf. In addition to the Mahoosuc Community Band, Ernie was also a member of the Auburn Community Band and the Fanfare Band in Poland. After being assistant director with Patricia Boyle-Wright, he took on directing the Mahoosuc Band full time last fall.

Ernie's enthusiasm, energy and vision helped the band grow and improve. He encouraged new members to join, including some of his former students from Rumbold. Through his efforts, the Eagles Club of Rumbold has made several very generous contributions that have enabled the band to expand our music library and purchase much needed percussion equipment. Ernie challenged us, taught us and encouraged us to do a little bit better each time we practiced and played. But most of all, we will remember his love of music.

The Mahoosuc Community Band would like to invite members of the Bethel community to join us at our Spring Concert on Monday, April 28, at 7 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church, which we are dedicating to the memory of our director, Ernie Downs.

Nancy Morris
Secretary, Mahoosuc Music Makers

REMEMBERING DOROTHY WILSON

To the Editor:

The Bethel Historical Society has lost one of its most famous members in the death this week of Dorothy Clarke Wilson, who achieved international fame with her more than twenty-five books, philanthropic endeavors, and work for peace. Many of her literary works were translated into more than a dozen languages. One book, "Prince of Egypt," sold more than a half million copies and was the primary source for the film, "The Ten Commandments."

I met her on a number of occasions through the years and enjoyed very pleasant visits at her Orono home. Her husband, Elwin, was a native of Northwest Bethel and it was largely through Dorothy's efforts that he recorded his numerous memories of that section of the town — some of which were published in the society's quarterly. He also possessed a number of important photographs that I was able to copy for the collection here in Bethel. Both she and her husband were invariably gracious and friendly every time I saw them.

One of my prize possessions is a copy of Dorothy's biography of Dorothy Dix in which she inscribed: "To Stanley R. Howe, appreciating our mutual interest in Bethel history, with sincere good wishes — Dorothy Clarke Wilson."

I will miss my visits with her, but am comforted by the idea that Bethel's Riverside Cemetery will be her final resting place, next to her beloved Elwin. It is a burial ground with so many associations with Bethel's past and the addition of Dorothy will add to its significance for all those who knew her and/or appreciated her many contributions to the knowledge and understanding of various cultures and civilizations.

Stan Howe
Bethel

KORHONEN FAMILY THANKS

To the Editor:

The family of Phil Korhonen would like to offer a very sincere thank you to the many people who organized and contributed to the benefit supper recently held in Greenwood. He is overwhelmed with generosity from the surrounding communities. Our spirits have been uplifted in many ways. These gracious actions and donations have helped put a flicker of light at the end of a very long tunnel. We can now focus on the healing process.

Again, thank you to those people who have helped in so many ways — Phil and Juanita and sons, David, Alan, Dale, Scott and Bruce.

Bruce Korhonen
Bryant Pond

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PARTING GIFTS — AND SHOTS
Ted Taylor, left, retiring Gilead highway commissioner, received several presents at his retirement party, held after Saturday's Town Meeting. One was a dented mailbox, presented by Jay Milot, in recognition of Taylor's work plowing town roads over the years.

(Photo by Alison Aloisio)

Gilead

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feel they should pay for that share of the coverage.

Cole's figures, listed in a letter circulated at Saturday's meeting, showed 11 Gilead residents were transported last year, while the rescue stood by without transport in three other cases. Seven non-residents were served in Gilead.

Selectman Fernand Corriveau said the population figure of 207 used by Cole to calculate the costs was not accurate. He said 157 is the correct number, which would translate to an overall charge of \$3,384.

But in the end, voters easily ap-

proved staying with the \$2,500 figure. Selectmen said they would check into other possible ambulance services for the future.

The remaining articles in the 44-article warrant were approved with only a few questions.

At the end of the meeting, selectmen encouraged people to sign a petition they drew up asking the Maine Department of Transportation to pave a section of Route 2 near the New Hampshire border.

The stretch begins a half mile east of the state line and extends to the area of Taylor Flats. The selectmen

described the road as a hazard, saying the pavement is very broken up and needs regular cold patching.

Outgoing highway commissioner Taylor was presented with a plaque noting his years of service. After the meeting concluded, townspeople held a retirement party for him, with two large cakes and many other refreshments.

Taylor's duties had included plowing town roads. Among several presents he received was a dented mailbox, given to him by Jay Milot.

Greenwood

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cause residents of other towns — which already charge such fees — were bringing the waste to the G/W, where they (or their friends or relatives who live in Greenwood or Woodstock) could dispose of them for free.

But opponents of the fee argued that it amounted to double taxation, since residents already pay a large amount of money to maintain the transfer station.

The article passed on a show of hands.

Hakala said he would follow up on a suggestion from Piccirillo that residents be issued a voucher, for

the disposal, over a set period of years, of articles such as refrigerators.

"That's a very good idea," said Hakala.

(The discussion and vote on this issue became moot on Monday evening, when Woodstock voters turned down the same article on their Town Meeting warrant.)

Voters also opted to increase the amount of money raised in one article. The selectmen had recommended that \$200 be raised for the Community Lakes Association of Greenwood and Woodstock.

On the suggestion of Cathy New-

ell, voters opted instead to raise \$300, the same amount raised the previous year.

The various road articles were approved as written, including spending \$44,804 to rebuild a half-mile of the Greenwood Road, from Rowe Hill Road to the Cole Road.

The overall budget (including school and county taxes) approved Saturday is \$1,492,702, with \$1,023,869 to be raised from local taxation.

The town's mil rate is expected to increase to 17.1, from 16.5 for the previous year, according to Town Manager Carol Whitman.

Woodstock

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"Bryant Pond" anymore."

In the end, however, opponents of the change prevailed.

No fees at transfer station
Voters also turned down a proposal to charge a fee to dispose of items other than household waste at the G&W Transfer Station.

Selectman Steve Bies, who also serves on the G&W Board, favored the move, to prevent Woodstock residents from disposing of items belonging to their out-of-town friends.

He said surrounding towns charge fees, and G&W was becoming a dumping ground for items from the larger region.

He cited 115 refrigerators left at G&W in one year, a number out of proportion to the Woodstock/Greenwood population, he said.

But Bill Seames said he believed the free disposal keeps the towns' roadsides clean. Charging, he said, would prompt people to simply

dump large items along the rural roads.

He suggested station attendants keep better track of the people using the station, and how frequently they bring items.

Peter Gartner suggested people come into the Town Office and get a form to present at the station.

"I just prove I'm from Woodstock — or Bryant Pond," he said, drawing laughter with the reference to the earlier post office issue.

After the discussion, the fee proposal was simply voted down.

Greenwood voters, at their Town Meeting held Saturday, had approved charging fees. But because Woodstock did not, the plan dies, according to Vern Maxfield, Woodstock town manager.

Most of the money articles on the warrant were approved with a minimum of discussion.

Townspeople also approved, unanimously, the town's Comprehensive Plan.

Elections

In election of officials, Leon Poland was elected unopposed to replace retiring selectman Mike Nadeau. Poland has previously served on the board.

Phil Korhonen was reelected unopposed to the SAD44 School Board, and Pat Thurlow was reelected to the Whitman Memorial Library board, defeating Valerie Foreman 57-18.

A second Library Board seat required two rounds of voting, after three people were nominated. Foreman, Stacy Millett and Nadia Bolio were all nominated, and the count after one ballot was Millett 37, Bolio 27 and Foreman 18.

A total of 42 votes was needed for a win, however. On the second ballot, Millett won with 49 votes.

With the municipal budget's approval and an expected increase in the SAD44 and county bills, Woodstock's mil rate is anticipated to rise to 14.78, up from 14.10.



UPBEAT MOOD IN UPTON

About two dozen Upton voters approved 30 articles on the annual Town Meeting warrant in 37 minutes last Thursday. Elected as selectmen were Jim Rector, to a one-year term, and Larry Nelson, to a three-year term. Reelected to the School Committee was Sue Nelson, and Walter Stanczyk was reelected town clerk, treasurer and tax collector. All candidates were unopposed. Taxes are expected to hold steady or possibly go down this year, according to selectman Richard LeComte (left).

(Photo by Alison Aloisio)

From the Bethel Police Log:

Thursday, March 27

At 11:20 p.m. police observed a male lying on the sidewalk near a vehicle on Main Street. The subject said some "kids" were having problems getting the doors open because it was cold. There were no kids in the immediate area. He did not produce keys to the car, and was told to move along. The subject was highly intoxicated, and the officer suggested he ride the bus home.

Friday, March 28

At 10 p.m. police received a complaint of telephone fraud. The complainant said a caller was discussing some type of assistance, and he gave her his bank account information. He was then told there was a \$211 activation fee. He said he did not want the service any more, and notified the bank of the call.

Sunday, March 30

At 4:30 p.m. police investigated a single vehicle accident on the Intervale Road. The driver and two juvenile passengers were taken to Stephens Memorial Hospital for their injuries.

Our Back Pages

Compiled by JOHN BROWN

10 years ago: The Odyssey of the Mind team from Telstar Middle School finished in first place at state competition held at the University of Maine, Orono. Donna Richards and Jean Bass coached the team consisting of Caitlin Bass, Katie Chapman, Teri Chadbourne, Martha Grover, Michelle McInnis and Laurie Young.

George O. Hayes and Pete Rosenberg had returned from a 12-day, 2,100-mile snowmobile trip through New Hampshire, Vermont and Quebec to the Gaspé Peninsula in New Brunswick.

Robert Ferguson of Hanover accepted a clinical psychology internship in the Department of Psychiatry at Dartmouth Medical School, Lebanon, N.H.

Birth: Michael James Packard.

Death: Dorothy Hanscom Jones.

20 years ago: The Drama Group at Gould Academy began rehearsals for its May production of "West Side Story."

Ruth Gilbert was honored at a retirement party during an extended lunch break at Newton & Tebbets mill, West Bethel. She had been employed at the plant for over 28 years.

Peter C. and Patricia C. Callioras, formerly of Scarborough, acquired the Locke Mills Food Center from Raymond T. and Alita M. Prada. The building is now the location of the Locke Mills outlet of Maine Line Products.

Marjorie McAllister observed her 89th birthday.

Births: Spencer Elliot Tyler, Desiree Elizabeth Morgan.

Death: Helen A. Angevine.

30 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Dave Thompson and Mrs. Thirza Gibson were on a trip to Cappadocia, Ethiopia, Turkey and Palestine, with brief stopovers in Paris and Switzerland.

Rev. Robert Jackson of Brockton, Mass., a former pastor of the Bethel Nazarene Church, was holding a series of meetings at the local church.

Telstar senior Randall Littlefield and music instructor Glenn Gangs attended the All-State Music Festival at Cape Elizabeth.

Deaths: Mildred C. Swan, Charlotte Fillebrown, Isabella Smith, Laurie Lee York.

40 years ago: Miss Ida M. Packard retired following 18 years as Bethel postmaster. She started at the Bethel post office in October of 1918. Earlon Paine was named acting postmaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Ernst sold the New Yorker in Mayville (now the Inn at the Rostay) to Albert James and Mary Louise Fiske of Alvin, Texas.

Roscoe Doughty of West Paris retired following 47 years with the Lewis M. Mann and Son factory.

Leland R. Brown was promoted to wood department office manager at Oxford Paper Company.

Births: Tina Marie Hutchins, Sherrie Lea Gunther, Dorothy Caroline Mills.

50 years ago: Following three days of rain the Androscoggin River went on its wildest rampage since March of 1936. Families in Skillington and above Middle Intervale were forced to leave their homes by the rising water. There was no passenger train or bus service for two days.

Gould Academy's senior class parts were announced as follows: valedictorian, Beverly Lurvey, Locke Mills; salutatorian, Barbara Brown, North Waterford; third honors, Lillian Guernsey, Bethel; and fourth honors, Charlotte Bidwell, Simsbury, Conn.

Stanley W. Judkins, formerly of Bethel, had taken up duties as town manager of Warren.

Dennis Wheeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wheeler, broke his collarbone at the primary school.

Birth: Nina Rose Mollicone.

Deaths: Elton L. Dunham, Edward Billings.

60 years ago: Mrs. Constance Alger had received word that her son, Lt. Col. James D. Alger, was a prisoner of war of the German government.

70 years ago: The Bluebird Orchestra broadcast over radio station WCSH, Portland.

A barn belonging to Dr. W.R. Chapman between the barbershop and Dr. R.R. Tibbetts' on upper Main Street collapsed from weight of the snow.

A camp on Grover Hill belonging to Lyman Wheeler and occupied by Harry and Henry Brown was burned to the ground.

80 years ago: A party of six hauled a cook stove up to Camp Caribou on Caribou Mountain. The party included Will Bennett, Paul Head, Edmund Smith, Leland and Floyd Mason and Raymond Bennett.

100 years ago: The butter factory was operating again.

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Briefly

Retirement party for Wight

NEWRY—A retirement party is planned for April 26 for Bill Wight, who recently retired as a selectman after many years of service. The celebration will begin at 6 p.m. at the Grange Hall. The event will be a potluck supper, and those attending are asked to bring a salad or vegetable dish. Everything else will be provided.

Hospital cuts staff

NORWAY—Stephens Memorial Hospital has cut the equivalent of 18 full-time people, and some programs have been cut back because of escalating operating deficits, according to Timothy Church, president and CEO of Western Maine Health. He said there has been a declining number of patients with commercial health insurance, an increase in those with Medicaid, and continuing declines in Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements from the state. Four full-time employees were laid off, including SMH's community relations director. Nearly two full-time equivalent staff were laid off at Market Square Health Care Center, and one and a third equivalent at doctor's practices under Western Maine Health Care. WMH has about 600 employees who work either full or part-time, and an annual operating budget of about \$37 million.

Rabid fox attacks man and pets

HARRISON—A fox that was shot to death after it attacked people and pets has tested positive for rabies, according to state health officials. Cumberland County sheriff's Deputy Arnold Packard shot the fox last Tuesday at Crystal Lake Park, but only after the animal bit into the work boot of a grocery store customer and chased an elderly couple down a street. The day before, the fox attacked at least seven dogs and cats in nearby North Bridgton. The animals are in quarantine. No people were reported injured. The fox was tested for rabies at the state Bureau of Health's laboratory in Augusta. Wildlife experts said the fox's erratic behavior was highly unusual. They said even though the fox appeared healthy, its behavior suggested otherwise. "This one here had a bad reputation, going from house to house, attacking people's pets. There were some dogs that were a 150 pounds, it really didn't care," said Jack Knight, who handles animal damage control and wildlife rehabilitation for several Lakes Region communities. Owners of the dogs and cats bitten by the fox will have to check whether the animals' rabies vaccinations are up to date and get a booster shot, Knight said. Steve Conley, whose boot was bitten by the animal, did not suffer any injury because the fox's teeth did not break through.

Bottle drive Sunday

BETHEL—The Telstar High School baseball team will hold a bottle drive Sunday, April 6, from noon to 3 p.m. at the SAD44 bus garage. Funds will go toward the team's spring training trip to Florida, which begins April 9. To have bottles picked up, call 824-3136.

Post-Secondary Fair next week

NEWRY—The 13th annual Post-Secondary Fair will take place April 10 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Grand Summit Hotel at Sunday River. Approximately 100 colleges, military recruiters and FAME representatives attend the fair to offer their services and information to area high school students. Last year 14 high schools from Maine and New Hampshire attended. The fair is hosted by guidance counselors from Telstar, Mountain Valley, Dirigo and Region 9 high schools.

Fire equipment lost in fire

EUSTIS—The Maine Forest Service says a fire that destroyed tens of thousands of dollars worth of firefighting equipment and the historic building that housed it could not have come at a worse time. "We lost our whole storehouse facility," said forest service spokesman Jim Downie, noting that the state's \$100,000 insurance policy would not come near covering the loss of the 2 1/2-story building off Route 27 and the equipment stored inside. Downie said the loss comes at a time when the service is being forced to cut nearly a dozen ranger positions, out of a total of 88, as a result of budget cuts. Property destroyed in the Wednesday night fire included portable pumps, outboards, chainsaws, generators, two-way radios, 10,000 feet of hose, axes, shovels, hard hats and headlamps. The lost equipment was enough to supply 50 people fighting a forest fire, said Forest Service District Manager Kenny Wing, the second person to reach the fire scene. The fire was discovered by retired Forest Ranger Tom LeMont around 10 p.m. as he was driving home, Wing said. After driving to a home across the road to report the fire, LeMont returned to the scene, unlocked the storehouse and was in the process of hooking up the boat and trailer to his truck when Wing arrived, the district manager said. The two were able to remove the boat. "We had enough time to save what was most important," Wing said. The two decided to try to pull six portable pumps worth at least \$15,000 from the storehouse, but the fire was going "pretty good" by that time, forcing them to abandon the plan. Instead, the two approached a nearby outbuilding and pulled out the all-terrain vehicle. Firefighters from departments in Eustis and Carabassett Valley responded to the blaze.

Styrofoam ban to affect Shaw's

FREEPORT—An unusual local ordinance adopted more than a decade ago will force Shaw's Supermarkets Inc. to rethink how it packages meat and other food items when it opens a 63,500-square-foot store here next fall. The ordinance, believed to be unique in Maine, prohibits businesses in Freeport from serving or selling prepared food or meat, eggs, baked goods or other food in polystyrene foam containers. The Freeport Town Council adopted the measure in late 1989 at a time when serious concerns were being raised about the manufacture of polystyrene foam, a petroleum-based material believed to contribute to ozone depletion. The ban on polystyrene containers was suggested by a group of 9- and 10-year-old children, calling themselves Concerns About Kids' Environment. Their original target was McDonald's and the Styrofoam containers it used to package fast-food burgers and drinks. Two of the children, Anna Brown and Bridget Sullivan-Stevens, appeared on NBC's "Today Show." "I was just starting to gain consciousness then about environmental threats, and I guess I was afraid what might happen to the world if something didn't change," said Brown, now 23. "Rather than just talk about our fears, we decided to take action." Brown works for the Quaker United Nations Office in New York. Reached last week in San Francisco, on her way back from a conference on clean water in Kyoto, Japan, Brown said she is gratified that the Styrofoam ordinance is still on the books and being enforced. "If McDonald's can change its policies, Shaw's can," she said.

Cat spends seven weeks in culvert

CHELSEA—A cat that weathered some of the coldest temperatures of the winter while trapped in a metal culvert for seven weeks was reunited with his family last week. Jack, who disappeared Feb. 2, was rescued from the snowed-in culvert last Sunday after his family heard a faint meow. They followed the sound to the culvert that runs under their driveway. Snow pushed over by a plow blocked both ends of the drainage pipe, and the cat was trapped somewhere inside. David Logan, 37, used a shovel to dig into the snow bank, and Jack stuck out his head and squinted into the daylight. The gray-and-white striped tabby, who had weighed 12 pounds before his disappearance, was emaciated. He couldn't walk, Logan said, so they carried him into the house, called their veterinarian and fed him a meal. "They say a cat has nine lives, and he's already used four of them. He's fallen through thin ice on the pond twice and was hit by a car," Logan said. Annette Logan said the family had given up hope of finding Jack after her husband saw a fisher, a carnivorous mammal related to the weasel family, scurry across the snow-covered lawn two weeks ago. "I don't know how he survived," she said. "The only thing we could think of is that he had water or sucked on the snow, because he had no food. We were stunned when we found him."

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STONE RETAINING WALLS AND BENCHES

stakeholding segments of the community.

As such, the committee does not depend on town funding — its work (including some serious consultant fees) is fully funded by the sand-and-gravel lobby's political action fund, "Toward a Green-washed Maine," and by the American Tour Bus Association. ("We're in desperate need of new destinations," admitted an ATBA spokesman. "They've booted us out of Kennebunkport, and Bar Harbor is so overcrowded we have to park behind the Burger King in Ellsworth.")

The prospect of the EW has been looming for some time, but the event that crystallized committee members to action was the town's decision last fall to eliminate all green space on lower Main Street.

"That was our call to action," Vogt said. "Even some folks who thought the parking was needed were appalled at the thoughtless way the decision was railroaded through. It was a textbook example of how not to do planning — allowing the town to evolve into a chaotic patchwork of special-interest fiefdoms."

"Parking is, of course, the prime variable in the calculus of successful tourism," Vogt said, "but to date it's being jammed through the village like cheap feed through a Strasburg Goose. And you know what happens to those geese: they're killed for their bloated livers — and then can't lay any more eggs, gold or otherwise."

"We thought to ourselves: 'Bethel must do better than this,'" said

Vogt. "And we felt the Task Force would be most effective as a private-sector entity — away from the time-wasting tedium of the public hearing/forum process, the pressure of coffee-shop rumors and the scrutiny (such as it is) of the press."

And it could have been worse
The committee had barely held its first meeting when its sense of urgency was galvanized by yet another development on the parking front.

Emboldened by the success of the earlier vote, a failing Main Street shopkeeper quickly proposed an even more ambitious plan — diagonal parking, both sides, for the entire length on Main Street.

"More parked cars means more foot traffic," complained Paulo Walnusse, owner of the United We Souvenir Stand. "And I need that foot traffic — I still have piles of product to move."

Many voters in a semi-packed special Town Meeting nodded in agreement as Walnusse argued: "I invested here, so the town owes me."

But this time around the grizzled veterans of Stan Howe's Tree Committee had rallied their forces, and the proposal was narrowly defeated.

The Task Force then went to work in earnest.

Dancing like bright stars in the eyes of EIBTF members are not only fleets of tour buses, but also the hundreds of thousands of RVs and SUVs that will soon be barreling down the EW toward the Maine coast.

"They have to pit stop somewhere," Vogt said, "and the sand-and-gravel folks have guaranteed us that Bethel will be designated: 'Exit 1' in Maine."

"The parking component will be especially important," Vogt said, "now that the new 'Beyond-the-Hummer' generation of SUVs, built on Kenworth frames, is already in the pipeline." ("Who else can boast ten-wheel-drive and eight tons of road-hugging, occupant-protecting mass? You can tow your camper, yacht, a trailer-load of frozen pizzas, or even your house!") (<http://poseur.4x4.org/futuresuv.html>) "You've got to hand it to those car/truck companies," Vogt said, "they really know the mentality of their market."

But I digress. Anyway, once they are parked, they'll want toilets, fast food and brand-name outlets, in about that order. Our plan represents the most environmentally and aesthetically sound solution for meeting those needs — and, if we play our cards right, for doing so in an extremely profitable manner.

The plan itself (see accompanying article) is a testimony to Yankee ingenuity — and audio-visualizing sessions.

"The facilitator began our first session by having us not only visualize, but also step out of the box and audibilize: see the troops of visitors waddling about the village center; hear the change jingling in the pouches bouncing below their bulbous bellies — the world-music beat of marsupial tourist chic."

Plan

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razed to make all this happen.

"For example, in the long run, that row of little houses on Summer Street doesn't fit into the big picture, but the location would be a great for a mini-mall of brand-name outlets. It's convenient to all the parking and having them there will allow us to zone to keep them off the pedestrian park. After all, Priority Numero Uno is to protect the historical integrity of the village center."

To maintain — or, in some cases — recreate, the integrity in the park area, some minor tweaking will be necessary.

For example, the \$10 million grant requires that by 2010, the Town Office be relocated off-park, and all (an already-dwindling number) of non-retail residential units be converted to shops.

Exception to the retail-only rule will be made for park-side residents who agree (for a mall municipal stipend) to dress in 24/7 in 19th century garb and allow visitors unannounced access to their historically correct homes.

Members of the EIBTF's Acquisitions Working Group stress that all property takings will be from willing sellers only — when possible. Otherwise, citing the need to move fast, they are formulating a plan to "pull an Ashcroft" and suspend any individual rights (in this case, property rights) they find to be impediments to their own agenda.

"We'll start with economic incentives to move out," said group secretary Bingo Green, "but, realistically, in such situations economic disincentives to stay have proven to

be much more effective."

Green declined to elaborate on the nature of those "disincentives."

The grant also requires that the town grant tax credits to encourage at least two fast-food (a double misnomer in most cases) franchisees to open park-side eateries.

"An army of tourists travels on its belly," said Vogt, and it wants familiar food. Think of the tax deals as Double Gravy Tifburgers."

The already-dwindling number of non-retail residential units on upper Main Street will be converted to shops.

Theme contest

Many details of the plan remain to be worked out, the most crucial being how to "theme" Bethel.

"Skiing's definitely out," Vogt said. "Our major market segments are going to be tour-bus, RV and SUV bucket potatoes, most of whom are intimidated by any form of outdoor recreation that's not powered by fossil fuels."

"And there's no mileage left in the tired 'Traditional New England Village' shtick. Been done to death."

"You need a distinctive hook — like Sturbridge has the Pilgrims, Salem the witches, Mystic the old boats, and Bar Harbor has Acadia. (Not to mention world-class pollution. After a couple more years of the Bush Environmental Pollution Agency, you'll need gong buoys to navigate the Loop Road).

"Home of the World-record-Snowman" would be a possibility, but only if the tourists could actually see him — alive and well and signing autographs. Otherwise the idea's got no legs.

"And — with all due respect to the Historical Society — don't even think about the Dr. Gehrius business. Tourists aren't going to pay good money to come look at a house where some obscure 19th-century alienist ran an Outward Bound for over-privileged neurosenics."

A contest to select a theme is planned. Currently, the front-running proposals are: "Bethel, Maine's most convenient foothills parking," "Bethel, Maine, the way life turns out," and (apologies to U2) "Bethel, Maine — where even the bricks have names."

Update and outlook

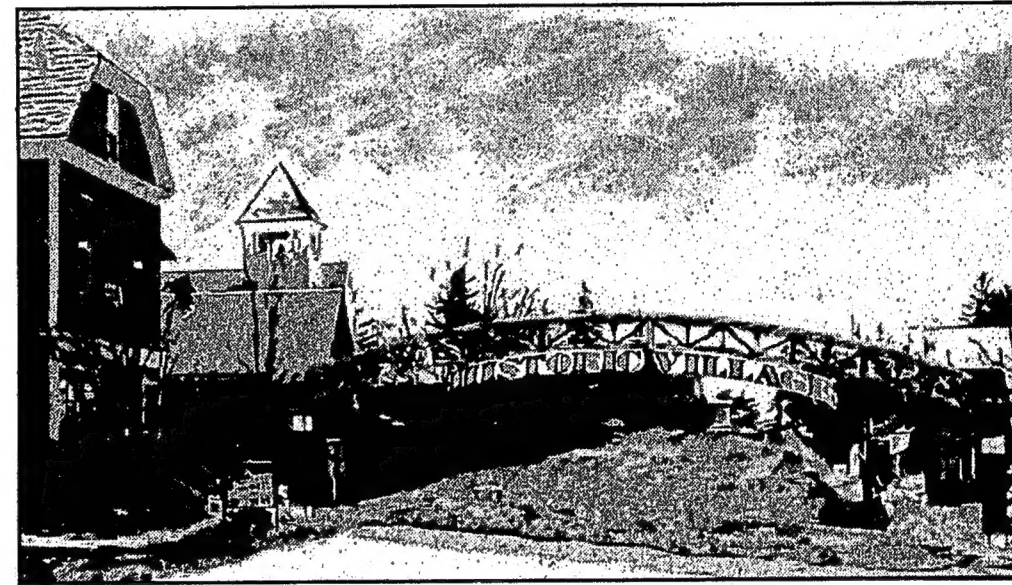
The EIBTF's plan was unveiled at an open house Tuesday. As of The Citizen's press-time Wednesday, less than 24 hours had passed and public reaction has so far been stunned silence, with, here and there, some muffled weeping.

"The road to hell is paved," moaned Conni St. Pierre.

But Vogt says he is optimistic the plan will capture the hearts and minds of Bethel voters.

"Given all the work we've put into this," he said, "and the obvious benefits to so many businesses, it would be a shame if small-town obstructionism were to raise its ugly head."

"And if the plan succeeds," Vogt smiled, "we all make a pile and be able to move to someplace nice."

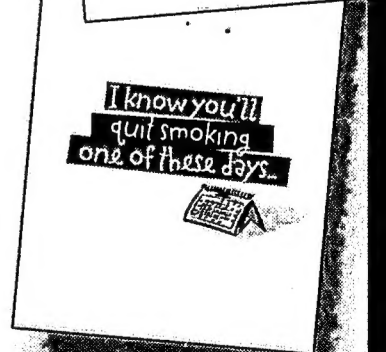
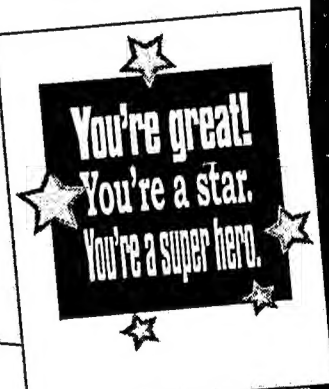


FINISHING TOUCH
Some consultants have suggested placing a large arch at the base of the pedestrian park, to help draw in visitors. And, they argue, it would be consistent with the current character of the village. "Look around," said one. "Do you see any flat surface where they've resisted the temptation to stick some bit of commemorative kitsch?"

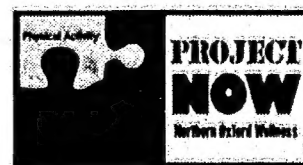
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Bethel



by Virginia Keniston

The Lenten luncheons are being held at the Congregational Church every Wednesday. The Rumford Point Church provided the soup on the 26th.

Fifteen Red Hat ladies met at Café de Cocoa on Friday evening for dinner.

Ginny and George Gamble enjoyed a trip to Florida recently visiting Tampa, Venice and Sarasota.

Ginger and Gene Kelly spent several days visiting in Florida.

Doris Brown has pneumonia and is a patient at Stephens Memorial Hospital. Abbie Buswell also has pneumonia.

Hi and Mary Lou Berry have returned home after spending some time in Florida.

Bethel friends attending Carl Wight's funeral last Friday were Dexter and Jan Stowell, Amy Davis, Mary Lou and Hi Berry.

Chuck and Mary Millard of Chapman Street and Bristol, R.I., enjoyed family over the weekend and celebrated a birthday.

Visitors at Bud and Mary Paine's recently were Dick Paine of Manchester, N.H., Jeff and Amy Collins and family of Exeter, N.H., and Jamie Paine of Newmarket, N.H. The family celebrated Dick's birthday.

Henry and Betty Robertson had guests over the weekend, including Erica and Richard Kajimer and Anna of Cambridge, Mass., Vickie Robertson of Brunswick, Jean and Glenn Ramsay of Scarborough, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chase of Danville, N.H., and Raymond Chase of Hanover.

Muriel Butters is ill at her home. Brandy Brooks of Montpelier, Vt., daughter of Kathy Jo and Richard Ferren of West Bethel, is a leukemia patient at the hospital in Burlington, Vt. Brandy is the granddaughter of Arlene Bean.

The following members of Frances Bailey's family — children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren — got together last week at Bart and Jeannine Bailey's ski home in Coombs Village: Shirley and Bill Owen of Framingham, Mass., Tammy Owen of Buffalo, N.Y., Jeff and Missy Owen with children, Ashley, Connor and Taylor of New London, N.H.; Stephanie Bailey of San Diego, Calif.; Sam Bailey of Phoenix,

Ariz., Frances Lalley of York; Bart and Jeannine Bailey and children, Shawn, Bethany and Matthew of Amesbury, Mass.; and Frances Bailey, also of Amesbury. Several members won gold, silver and bronze medals in the Snowboard Nationals at Sunday River. The group celebrated a belated 50th birthday for Bart at Briar Lea Restaurant on Friday evening.

The Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge group met on March 28, and played with five tables. Carol Curran and Suzanne Dame came in first; Sue Ellis and Don Johnson, second; Nancy Farmer and son Mike Newsom, third; and Richard Allen and Luke Merry, fourth.

Sunday River Valley



by Rockie Graham

March sure manages to leave as a lion. After the promise of snow last weekend, no one believed this weekend. We were wrong. We didn't get the amount they promised; not where I was, but we did get snow — big messy flakes. It didn't seem to discourage anyone from going out and taking care of business, but then it's the end of the winter and snow no longer phases us. I went through gloves every half hour — I had to change them because they were wet. My faithful "rockies" (my boots) that everyone makes fun of came through like a champion. When I got home my socks weren't even wet. Of course everything else was, from my hair down to my shirts. I had to change jackets twice. But we got the job done and everyone was happy, if a little cold and wet. At least there is not too much snow on the ground.

Hope you all survived April Fool's Day okay. I decided it was a time to have fun, and I did. We all have to have a little fun in our lives. I know I can tend to get too serious and have to be reminded to chill out and smell the roses. That is if anyone sends me any.

At the Bethel Area Poets Society, we decided that for National Poetry Month — April — we would encourage all poets and budding poets to write a poem in honor of Mr. Rogers. Poems can be sent to me at 449 Sunday River Road, Newry, or they can be brought to our next meeting on the fourth Thursday in April.

Since Earth Day occurs this

month — Easter I am told, so it may have to be celebrated the following week — I have some recycling reminders. I know we don't get rich by recycling, but it takes poundage out of the waste stream amount and that saves the towns money. To that end, please remove Styrofoam from cardboard boxes and break them down. It is difficult to stack them otherwise. Plastics — although we'd like to recycle all plastics, we cannot. We can only take #2 — that's milk jug type of bottles. No clear plastic, please. We also can't take tubs, like yogurt or sour cream tubs, lids, etc. Our buyer will not take them. We are very diligent at the Bethel Transfer Station and that is why we are the best. But we can't do it alone. We do really appreciate the good job some residents are doing. Thank you.

That is all for this week. Steer clear of snow banks and ice patches. Have a good week and see you next week.

Hanover



by Clem Worcester

The students from Region 9 School of Applied Technology were recently at the Hanover Town Office to work on the computer system. Working with instructor Ruth Brown, the six students from the Computer Repair Class took equipment apart and hooked them up again. They are expected to return and complete the project when the new computer arrives. The students on duty were: Tony Grasmuck, Jonathon Ross, Timmy Beaudet, Eden Katlin, Jared Hodgkins and Peter Arsenault. The high school students are from Telstar, Mountain Valley and Dirigo school districts.

The Hanover selectboard met Tuesday, March 25. Much of the meeting involved discussion about the need to update the Comprehensive Plan. John Maloney from Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments talked to the selectboard and interested citizens about the process to establish a new plan. The board decided to send a questionnaire to Hanover residents in an attempt to find out what they perceive for the town's future.

While going home from the selectboard meeting, the town clerk was traveling on Baby Brook Lane when he found his little red car

surrounded by moose. In all, there were four long-legged animals that were somewhat upset that someone had disturbed their rotten-apple snack. Eventually, Brian showed up with the pickup truck to herd them away so the clerk could go home.

John Gauthier from Bethel has been named code enforcement officer for the town of Hanover. He is also the plumbing inspector as well as zoning and land use officer. He is the code enforcement officer for several towns in the area.

The Hanover Planning Board had originally scheduled their meeting for April 2, but it was rescheduled to be April 9 at 7 p.m. at the Town Office.

East Bethel



by Nancy Mercer

Albert Foster will celebrate his birthday on April 5. I believe he is East Bethel's last living WWII veteran.

Bettyann Hastings is looking for a lost Jack Russell terrier. She answers to the name of Midge. She is all white with a little brown around her ears and weighs about 12 pounds. If you have seen Midge, call 824-2341.

Grace Gibson and Esther Wilson took Nancy Kimball out to dinner on March 28.

On March 30, Grace Gibson and Esther Wilson were in Portland visiting Vicky Wilson, Esther's stepdaughter.

Diane Howe Parker is down sick with the flu. I hope she has a speedy recovery. I think Diane is the only case of flu in East Bethel this season — or the only one I know of.

Dori and Carl Hallman with their daughters, Heather and Whitney, from Durham visited Arlene Harrington on March 29 and 30.

On March 30, Dawson and Judy Smith of Bucksport visited Arlene Harrington.

Flossie Bernier picked up Christine Kimball at the Portland Jetport on March 30. Christine has decided she wants to live in Maine. She had to tie up loose ends in Atlanta, Ga., before moving up for good.

What a mess sap snow can be. Flossie Bernier said two cars were out of the road in Poland Spring when she and Christine came home.

Kane Olson, a senior at Gould

Academy, and his brother, Karl, a sophomore, made the honors list for the last quarter. They are the sons of Chris and Cindy Olson. Have a nice week.

Mason Township



by Richard Grover

This spring turned out to be pretty good for syrup making, so far. We have made all the syrup we want, as of last Sunday, and I took up the buckets in the midst of our "sap snow" storm. Last fall, I installed a roof over my sapping fireplace and covered an area big enough to store firewood. That made it much easier to make the syrup, with my dry wood right next to the fireplace. I also figured out how to tell when the syrup was ready to take off, so, in the house, Mona only had to reheat it to the boiling point before straining it and sealing it in the jars. That saved a lot of electricity and humidity in the kitchen.

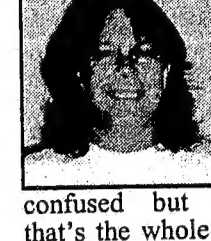
It seems like our volunteer time with the Civil Air Patrol has become almost a full-time job. Last week, we went to Augusta on Tuesday evening, Bangor on Wednesday evening, Portland on Thursday and back to Augusta again on Sunday afternoon. Now, there are pages of inspection reports to complete. It makes for a lot of wear and tear on the car and some late nights, but, I guess it's better than being bored.

Among other things, the Maine Wing is practicing with a digital camera system that allows aircrews to take aerial photographs and transmit them via radio to the Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) command post in near real time. This can be a big help to MEMA in emergency or disaster situations where they need information on the situation in

various areas of the state. The concern last week was the condition of the ice flows on the Kennebec and other rivers, which can perhaps damage bridge abutments. The found the aerial photos valuable.

Some time ago I took a trailer load of logs to Patrick Feeney's place for him to saw them into boards for me. Saturday, he brought them back in the form of one-inch boards. It was 500 board feet of a mixture of white birch, cherry, ash and pine boards. Patrick did a great job sawing them, and can't wait for them to dry out so we can build all sorts of "toys." "Course, I've got to put my motor on my planer before using the boards for finish work. They are definite advantages to living in the Maine woods.

Gilead



by Elise Caswell

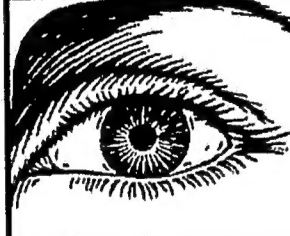
Goodbye to the month of ambiguity. As March comes to its ultimate end, I am thoroughly confused but hopeful. Perhaps that's the whole point of March. Maine, particularly after such a severe and penetrating winter, took a quick jaunt to Massachusetts this week to meet spring as she works her way up the latitudes as to spend a little time nurturing relationships with family and friends. The hawks are on their way in amazing numbers. Days were sunny and the temp hovered around 65. Red-tipped green shoots of fir planted bulbs were emerging from under matted leaves and across street from my sister's house, the first of three foals was born. He for me is not only a winged thing but the smell of damp earth wafting in the sun and the warm, lilting breezes on my face. What a treat shed a layer.

I was so taken with the warmth that I left my jacket behind. Dis-

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The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Sharon Bouchard's column is published by special arrangement with the Advertising Department of this newspaper.

I remember the first time I used a fax machine I was amazed at the speed. I had no idea then and still don't how they work. I sort of picture all the letters of the alphabet tumbling through the phone lines and coming out in the receiving fax machine in a coherent order.

I could not believe that as I put a letter through the sending fax machine, it would only be a matter of minutes before a copy of it was spit out of the receiving fax machine. Imagine that! What used to take days through the postal service could be sent in the blink of an eye if the recipient had a fax machine too. I remember saying then that communications just couldn't advance much more than that.

Boy, did I have that wrong! Now, when I send a fax I stand at the machine tapping my foot because I think it is so slow. If only I could scan the item in a scanner, download it to my computer and email it, it would be so much faster. We have reached the point in our society that if someone doesn't have an email address, it seems like they don't exist or there just isn't another way to communicate with them. I remember saying when I saw email for the first time that communications just couldn't advance much more than that.

I was wrong again! Cell phones came on the scene and communications advanced yet again. Not only can you call from anywhere on a cell phone, you can also send pictures or even a fax. Everywhere you go someone or many someones have cell phones stuck up to their ears. I even saw someone hitchhiking recently and while they were sticking their thumb out to flag down a ride, they were having a conversation on their cell phone. Why didn't they just call someone to come pick them up?

We have become such a techno-communication society that we need to have several phone numbers for our friends and family. We need the regular phone number, work number, cell phone, pager, fax number and absolutely must have their email address. If people are not keeping in touch with friends and family members, it's because they don't have email or a cell phone. It apparently isn't as much fun to just call the old fashioned way.

I think we are becoming too dependent on all this way of life. I have known people to pull into a driveway and then



use their cell phone to see if anyone is home before getting out of the car. If these people leave their home without their cell phone they feel helpless and an overwhelming sense of panic. Even though they spent most of their life without a cell phone and got by just fine, they can't leave home without it.

There was a time when kids just couldn't wait until they got their first bicycle or their first car, now it seems most kids can't wait until they get their first cell phone and their first computer and they are getting these things very darn young. I saw a couple of pre-teenage girls walking down the street, both talking on cell phones. I had a feeling, based on the expressions on their faces, that they were talking to each other!

I have to admit, that though I don't have a cell phone, I am pretty hooked on my computer and communication through email. Most of the jokes I

know I get through email and then I forward them on to my friends. I can't remember the last time I told a joke in person. I am so hooked on my email that I have been known to check it when I have gotten up in the middle of the night to go to the bathroom. In fact, I usually check it before I have even had my morning coffee. God only knows why; most of the email I get is SPAM, but it seems very important to check it out anyway.

I spend quite a bit of time on the Internet too. Every site I visit regularly requires a password. I'm so accustomed to entering a password that I attempted to enter one on my microwave and got frustrated because I couldn't figure out how to do it.

I pay most of my bills over the Internet with the use of my debit card. I'm so used to paying for things that way, using cash has become a hassle and requires planning. And have you noticed that every television commercial and magazine advertisements have web sites listed at the bottom? That's so people like me can go online and buy the product using their debit card.

I don't mean to suggest that I spend too much time online either surfing the Internet or emailing, but when I disconnect from the Internet I have this awful feeling that I have pulled the plug on a loved one. I'm seriously considering getting a cell phone so I can make and receive telephone calls while I'm emailing. Communications can't possibly advance much more than that!

Maybe we have all become a little too hooked on technology, but the way I see it communication is faster and easier than it has ever been. And, so what if I tilt my head sideways to smile? :)

Super Crossword

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ANSWERS — Back page

seem to matter at all because spring seemed to have arrived with my return. Friday, the northern harrier was feeding in the field and a pair of woodcock was hanging out in their incredibly effective camouflage. I saw my first pair of eastern bluebirds checking out the fence postholes as possible nest sites. The sap has been running and the streams behind the house are gushing. On Saturday, as the sap sat boiling down to syrup and the rain pattered away in the spring-like warmth, it seemed like any moment could become a portent for the Great Night. Great Night is the night when the frogs and salamanders emerge from the woods en masse to make their way to ponds, lakes, streams and vernal pools. When that night happens, you can notice more great blue herons. I've missed it every year. How do I know? Well, when you see squished salamanders and frogs in the road, you know the Great Night happened. My hope this year, is to be there for it. The thought of slopping around with the live migrating amphibians in the dark appeals to my inner state of mind.

And then it started to snow. Today, a fresh, white, fluffy blanket gives winter another chance. Pondering my sense of season and the resulting confusion gives me pause. I think about menopause. I think about the changing weather patterns and warm hugs and cold shoulders and about March being a lion and a lamb. I think March in Maine is more like a woman in menopause and her mystified husband, the weatherman who, trying his best to call the shots, is almost always wrong — until hindsight

straightens things out. Confused but hopeful. What more can I ask?

Upton



by
Eleanor LeComte

Upton has a new citizen. Christopher Lavalley came into the world on March 25.

Joana and Charlie are his parents. Christopher has two big sisters, Willow and Sarah. His grandparents are Sally and Larry Lavalley. Simone Lavalley is the proud great-grandmother. Congratulations to the happy family. We expect great things from you, Christopher.

The annual Town Meeting was held on Thursday, March 27. The slate of officers elected were: Wendy Hanscom, moderator; Walter Stanczyk, treasurer, tax collector and town clerk; Larry Nelson, selectman; Jim Rector, selectman; Sue Nelson, School Board. It was a quiet friendly meeting. All the articles passed without controversy. It only took thirty-seven minutes to spend all that money. The selectmen report that the tax rate should remain about the same or drop slightly.

Spring made a brief visit last week with temperatures reaching the 60s. Experience has taught us to regard this as a fleeting feeling of warmth in a fickle climate. Winter returned on Sunday with a five-inch sticky, wet snowfall. Just as we became familiar with grass and mud, Mother Nature threw her spring curve. It is a white world

again.

The deer are acting peculiar with the advent of warmer weather. Their gray winter coats are showing signs of golden hair growing through. The herd is smaller. The bird feeders are now being attacked by raccoons instead of deer. The fox makes her early morning scouting trips through the deeryards. She must have a den near the Tucker camp on the lake. She was seen carrying a dead squirrel around Peasly Cove. She was obviously bringing home "the bacon" to her babies.

An otter was seen briefly on the lake, diving in and out of holes on the ice. They make brief visits in the spring but head uplake to wilder areas after ice-out. The Cambridge River is open to the lake but the channel has not opened yet. Stoney Brook is trickling but no major flow is seen.

Spring is subtle and disappointing in Upton. It will be almost a month before the daffodils bloom. It will be May before the leaves break out. Ice-out is always a mystery. April is really March in Upton. Nevertheless, that cold winter feeling is gone.

Evelyn Kenney has three robins. They are probably from the flock that visited in late winter at John and Marie Aron's. Reports of nesting bald eagles are out, but I have no idea where the nest is. All sorts of black birds are around. They certainly break the silence of winter. Chickadees and purple finches are belting out spring songs. I'm looking out the window at a white world and can't help thinking how confused these little birds must be. The Canada jays have not visited for a week. That is a sign of spring. They only visit in late fall and winter. We will bid them farewell for another year by making them the "Bird of the Week."

April showers bring Mayflowers. Let's hope there aren't too many snow showers.

North Newry



by
Gil Seeley

Call to worship was held Sunday morning, March 23 at 9 a.m., at Owen and Sue

Wight's residence with Pastor Rodney Hanscom and daughter Nancy at the organ. The message of the day was: "It's right there before you," from St. John 4:16. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." A prayer followed, hymns, benediction and postlude. The Newry Community Church will be open on April 7 at 9 a.m. for regular services. Everyone welcome.

Karlene Bachelder, Betsy Clark and Gil Seeley went to Waterville last Wednesday morning to visit Karlene's mother, Julia Goodwin. There they met Julia's twin daughters, Hilma and Wilma. We had a great visit, went to lunch and then came home.

Locke Mills



by
Lorraine Larson

I was pleased to have a couple school friends, Davene Mitchell and Grace Douglas, visit me on Tuesday afternoon. We had a good time chatting about old times and new times. We decided the world wouldn't be in such a mess if it had consulted us. They brought me some really good cookies, too. Good food, good conversation, what more could anyone want from friends?

For some reason last week I was a day behind when it came to send the news up so I went over the deadline. Sorry about that. It did annoy me somewhat, I had a very busy week with a lot of appointments and such, and I guess I had my mind on that so I wouldn't miss any.

I also got to visit Fritz and Norma on Saturday. Ralph and I were both invited to lunch, and what a lunch it was. More like a dinner actually. When Norma has people for lunch she prepares for an army. Fritz gave Ralph the grand tour of the machine shop. He does like to show people around. He said he started the shop in 1925 and it has expanded over the years. His grandson, Steve, has taken it into the computer age and he had a big office added last year to hold the computer and other things needed for the business. He also has branched out into making parts for sports equipment. Anyone owning a business nowadays has to diversify to stay competitive. Anyway, although Fritz got a bit out of breath showing Ralph around, he looks very good and Norma has gained five pounds. She proudly announced that she now weighs 100 pounds. She still is this little bitty thing, but the doctor was pleased to have her gaining — it is just as hard for those who need weight to gain it as it is for me to lose it. Doesn't seem fair. She does say, however, that she needs to get a job with the weather bureau because her bones do a better job of forecasting the weather than the weatherman does. I know what that is like, only it is my muscles that seem to freeze up when the weather does.

Blaine Mills called me to say that his mother, Mary Mills, is now a resident of Ledgewood Living Center. When he called she was on 4 North but was scheduled to be moved, so you will have to ask until she gets into her regular room. I will try to get the number for the paper when she does.

Lorene Cobb and June Roy visited me Wednesday and Ralph and I had a good time shooting the breeze with them.

Speaking of Ralph, he celebrated his 47th birthday on Thursday, March 27. He said he had thought he was already 47, so this was not such a big jump as it might have seemed to him. I thought it was odd that he did that because I did the same thing at that age. He always said he thought he mothered himself well.

Ralph just picked up a magazine that said live a stress-free life by eliminating clutter which is rather amusing considering clutter-free is not how we would describe our living quarters at the moment. But it gets better all the time as he goes through boxes and picks out what to keep and what to throw. He certainly has made quite a few dump runs this month. Of course a lot of that was stuff in the barn that was here when Andy and I came here nearly seven years ago. Andy could never bear to throw anything away, especially if it was of the wood variety. To me dirty wood is expendable and I'm glad to get rid of it. One of my friends keeps saying, don't throw anything good away — have a yard sale. I would rather have our room back at the dump where we could take useable items. I am not a yard sale person; I think they are a pain in the neck.

It sure seems good to be getting rid of the snow. We saw our first ducks a couple days ago — a pair of hooded mergansers. It was good to see them, and I hope the weather stays reasonably good so they won't have a hard time finding food and shelter. There are a lot of birds that are back and the crows are getting very noisy — and noisy, too. They are curious by nature and have to investigate everything.

We lost our power today for a while along with a lot of others, I guess. So I must send this off. Not having the computer for a while got me behind. We sputter about the power bills but it does seem that when the power goes out that everything we want to do takes power so it doesn't seem so strange that the bills are high then. I guess we do use an awful lot of it. So until next week keep smiling.

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Bryant Pond



by Alice Hoyt
After church on Sunday, March 23, a very nice dinner and going away party was held for

Pastor Peter and Becky Laitres. Sunday, March 30, will be their last Sunday here.

Services at the Bryant Pond Baptist Church are Sunday School Fellowship at 8:55 a.m., Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., choir practice at 5:15 p.m. and evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. is Patch the Pirate Club and prayer meeting.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet today, April 3, at the Grange Hall. Meeting at 11:30 a.m., dinner at noon, put on by the Daughters of Union Veterans. Program is Anita Wiles from Seniors Plus. All seniors welcome.

Franklin Grange 124 will meet on April 7 for Youth and Junior Night with refreshments after the meeting.

There will be a Woodstock Alumni Association meeting at Alice Hoyt's home on Tuesday evening, April 8, at 7 p.m., to begin planning for the Alumni Banquet.

South Woodstock



by Andrea Wing
I am so sad to see the war that is going on in Iraq. It always brings back memories of

boys that I have known that have never returned from battle. My brother, Leon Poland Jr., was killed in Vietnam in March 1967. He was a very young man. The families of those that are lost in battle never forget.

Sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Jean L. Berryment who died recently. She leaves several relatives in this area.

Birthdays being celebrated in April are: Tammy Davis, Judi Brown, Vicki Curry, Greg Critser, Brooke and Ken Grover (twins), Grace Bartlett, Vicky Hill, Lynda Poland, Jennie Record and Carol Hall. Special birthday wishes to my great-grandson, Zachary Lynch, who will turn four years old April 4.

Happy anniversary to Pete and Laurene Appleby.

Quote of the Week: "I've learned that people who give free advice often charge too much."

West Paris



by Joyce Lamb
Much warmer weather has finally arrived. The snow has almost melted in just one

week. The sun porch is warmer than the house, so I will use solar power for the day.

The worship service at the West Paris Universalist Church will be led by the Rev. Joy Gasta, the minister. Her topic will be, "Spring Reunion of Abraham's Family." What might our ancestors think of their Jewish, Muslim, and Christian descendants? The organist is Jim Burke.

Dorothy Childs is at Ledgeview Nursing Home.

Lois Ellingwood is at Market Square Health Care in South Paris.

Rick and Linda Chase hosted a birthday party for their daughter-in-law, Melissa Chase. Those present were Ricky and Melissa and family, Nicholas, Gable, Luke and Alena; Chad and Bobbi-Jo Chase and Keegan; and Dede Chase.

Maple Sugar Sunday was celebrated with the little sap that has run so far. No one has had much of a run this spring. Myrtle Cadenelli and I visited two sap houses and then went to the Chickadee Restaurant for lunch. It had been redecorated for this season with partitions separating most of the tables. We had an enjoyable afternoon.

I am having physical therapy at the hospital twice a week and am improving. The shoulder is moving well but still does not allow me to reach the cupboard shelves. With practice every day I should be back to normal by camping time.

Buffy is able to explore the neighborhood with most of the snow gone but comes home with muddy feet.



by Bertha DeHaas
A man from West Paris, Aubrey Farrington, belongs to the Downeast Country Music

Association, which is for anyone in the state of Maine with musical talent. They have shows throughout the year, where one competes for trophies and plaques. Aubrey competed this past fall at a show in Buxton as a member of this association. He won in the traditional gospel division. This made him eligible to compete in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., at the Louise Mandrell Theater where he again won a trophy this last month. Congratulations, Aubrey. I'm sure we will be hearing more about this man in the future. Photo is unavailable at this time.

Mary Lovejoy, of High Street, West Paris, had a most distinguished and unusual visitor this past week. It was on the "Endangered Species" list until a couple of years ago. It belongs to the "Raptor" species, which is making a comeback again. Have you seen robins or bluebirds yet? Let me know.

See you all next week.

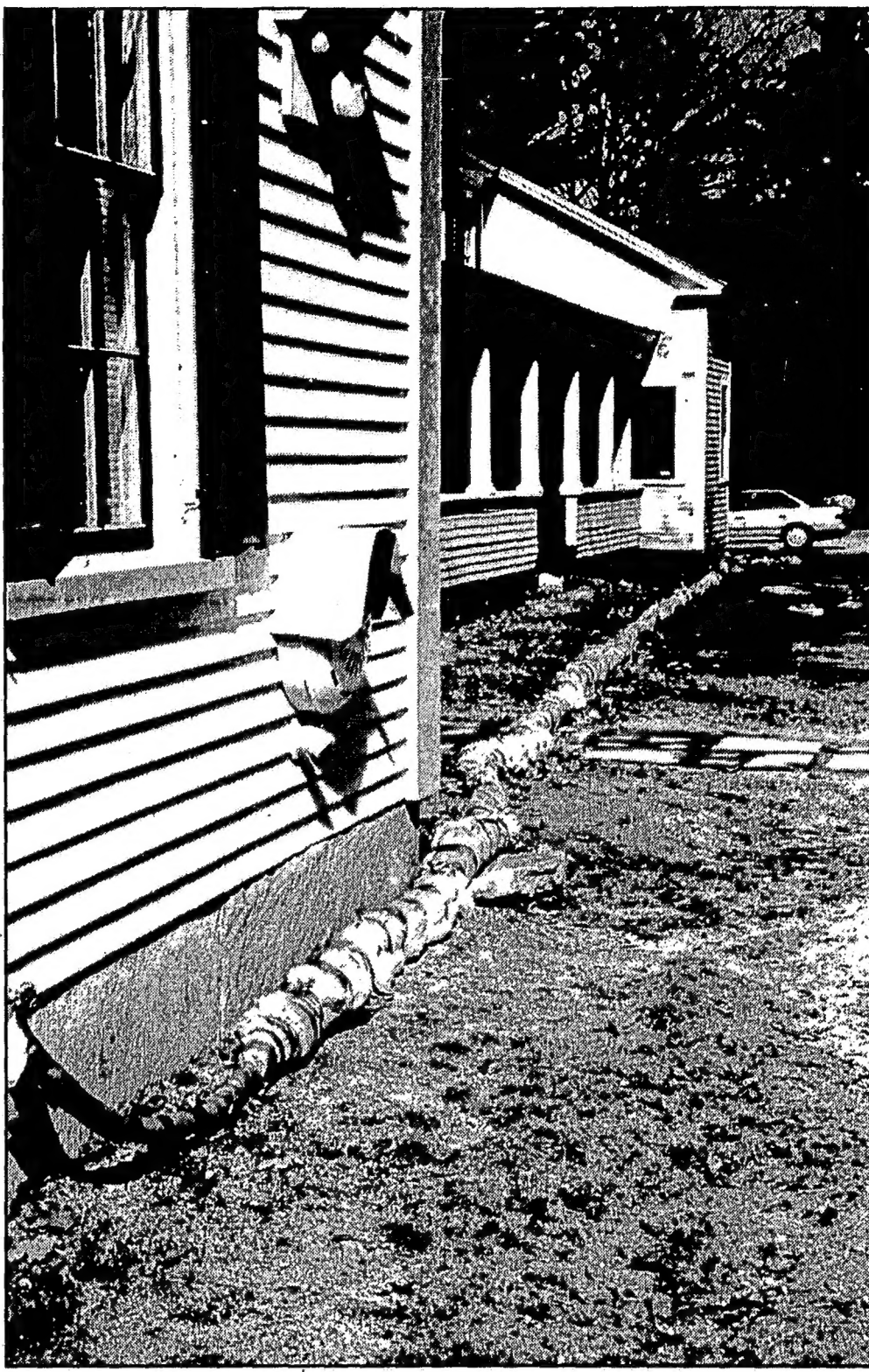
East Stoneham



by Eleanor Nelson
Hi readers. Guess I'll have to keep on working a little longer. We are having a new

kitchen floor put in, as the old one is all worn out. It sure is expensive nowadays. Ken and Thom are doing it, but it will all be worth it when done.

I didn't get to the planning board



NEIGHBORS SHARE IN TIME OF NEED
When the underground water pipes at the Bethel Inn Conference Center froze last month, the Bethel Water District ran a temporary hose from the nearby Robinson House (owned by the Bethel Historical Society) to supply water to the center. The pipes to the Moses Mason House also froze — but they thawed April 1, bringing to an end the Society's "Ice Out at the Moses Mason House" contest.
(Photo by Daniels)

are expected to join us here in Bethel for three days of cycling, food, and fun. (Due to the generosity of L.L. Bean, SAD44, Rumford and South Paris bikers can participate for free, as they do not need to pay a fee for registration.)

The Maine Bike Rally began in 1989 by the Casco Bay Cyclers in Portland. It is tradition that the rally move its venue every two years and in 1997, the Bike Coalition of Maine, a bike advocacy group in Augusta, joined Casco Bay in putting on this rally. Recently, our own club in the area, Western Maine Pedalers, joined the core partnership in organizing this event and with the Merrymeeting Wheelers from Bath round out the hosting cycling groups. Thanks to Rotarians Steve Wight and Robin Zinchuk for their support in encouraging the rally to come to Bethel.

Nancy, in her earlier years, was a bike trip leader and she's excited to help out with the rally as it's rejuvenated her passion for riding again. And, like last year, Nancy will be leading some rides over the rally weekend.

The rally riders encourage safety, with every participant needing to wear a helmet and all rides have leads and sweeps as well as safety talks. The weekend kicks off Friday night with registration and continues Saturday with simultaneous rides and exhibition. Some of the rides being scheduled include a pulp and paper ride, garden ride, canoe ride, covered bridges ride, and a celebrity ride.

Gould Academy is the home base for the rally and will also host the bike exhibition on Saturday. There will be adaptive bikes, antique bikes, vendors and bike accessories, and a favorite last year of massage therapists.

Saturday evening there will be a social and camaraderie events and Sunday there will be more rides and a time trial.

The community is encouraged to participate by riding, checking it out, or volunteering. Donations are being accepted and sponsorships are being welcomed to help meet their goal.

For more information, www.BikeMaine.org or call 623-4511 or see Nancy at The Sudbury Inn.

This week, Tom and Marcey White introduced themselves to us and to their bed and breakfast, The Prodigal Inn (formerly The Douglass Place).

As a bit of a background, Marcey

meeting or DUV meeting this week, so can't report on those things.

I did hear that Dick Jones is in the hospital at Norway for a few days. Seems if we all have problems, doesn't it?

Frances Grant had Shirley Grant at her house visiting this past weekend. Shirley lives in Mechanic Falls and enjoys coming up to visit.

I saw a nice little moose last night while coming home from work at Evergreen Valley. She was just trotting along the road and then turned off into the woods toward Lesley Dean's house.

least it's during the spring and should melt away quickly.

Our last bake sale until the summertime bake/yard sales was held this past Saturday, and, as has been the case with each sale, the goodies sold out. All proceeds went to the Albany Youth Group.

Our pastor, Ed Gammon, went to a benefit supper for Phil Korhonen on Saturday evening. We went to the Grace Fellowship for supper and music/entertainment. Both had great turnouts.

We had a treat when Laura Piawlock came to services Sunday to sing to the congregation. Thank you, Laura. Your music was lovely.

We send our best wishes and love out to Franklin and Margaret Barton.

Bible study will be held on Thursday evening at 6:30 at Fernand and Holle Corriveau's home. Youth Groups will be on Friday night, with the little ones starting at 5 to 6, and the older kids meeting at Fernand and Holle's home from 6 to 8. There will be song rehearsal Friday night, kids, so, bring your voices. We need to begin preparing for visits to the nursing homes and

Easter Sunday.

We hope all is well with all readers out there. Best wishes, and, God Bless.

From the Bethel Rotary Club

Recently, Nancy White shared with us information on the upcoming 15th annual Maine Bike Rally on July 11-13. No, it's not a biker weekend, but rather a pedal bikers' weekend when over 300 cyclists

Albany



by Dana & Sheila Dyke
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and Tom shared that they were born and raised in western Texas and had long been fascinated with Maine, especially Marcey. Maine's trees and water lured her and she had been a subscriber to Downeast Magazine years before she started visiting our state when she was in her 30s.

The Whites have five children, ranging in age from first grade to middle school, to military service, to college to their eldest who is married with three children. The response to the eyebrow lifting vast age span of the kids is, yes; it was like living the movie, "Father of the Bride."

In 1985, in Midland, Texas, after working on and off in the oil and gas industry, Marcey started a secretarial service out of her home that afforded her to work, as well as be able to take care of the children. Well, ten years later, she had 75 offices in that city of 100,000 offering these services and was Small Business of the Year. She also became involved with the community and economic development organizations there, too.

From Texas, they moved to Colorado in order to take an opportunity to get Tom's art business going. They arrived there during boom construction times and Tom's talent for the interior trim business soon put his art business on the back burner.

During this time, Marcey's passion for Maine was even more prevalent and she soon exposed Tom to our state. Since Tom is a hunter and fisherman, he truly was hooked on Maine after visiting during moose-hunting season.

Since they thought they'd give the art business a push again, they thought that operating a bed and breakfast or inn would afford them the opportunity to again explore making a go of the art. Maine was top on their list and they began researching towns and inns from here to the coast — 15 in all were lined up and researched. The town of Bethel won with its excellence in education, beauty, culture, history, and "feel."

Although it has been a big move for them and renovations ongoing, their art dream is beginning to come alive. Tom fell in love with the barn and now with their sign hung, there has been interest in the gallery and consignment. Tom is an award-winning sculptor and very humble. I'm sure we have not even begun to hear or see his art talent.

Since Marcey has adopted the Maine work philosophy that you have to do about five things, she has offered to her guests and is offering public secretarial services, too.

The Whites are enjoying their Inn — they like the people; they like to cook; they're pleased with the exposure to art; and they are enriched with the history.

Marcey and Tom invite those in who want to stop and see what they've done and say that they will be hosting an open house in April, together with Barbara Douglass.

Congratulations Rotary Team. 2001-2002 PDG Peter Johnson presented to PP Bob Laux on behalf of the Bethel Rotary Club a Distinguished Club Citation, which recognizes exemplary efforts by our club in 2001-2002. Of the 40 clubs in our district, only 17 clubs are being awarded this recognition. Our club met certain achievements for the Mankind is Our Business year in membership development, public image, education and training, and club development and improvement.

The Rotary Club of Bethel meets weekly at 7:30 a.m. at The Bethel Inn and Country Club.

From
Tri-Town Rescue

Tri-Town Auxiliary met at 6:30 p.m. on March 10 at the ambulance barn with 12 members present. The auxiliary is selling tickets for a wall hanging size 27x33. Call Patty

Howe at 665-2122 or Doreen Wilbur at 674-2346 for more information if interested.

Also, there was a discussion on the booster club tickets and it was noted that 22 tickets haven't been sold and they can't start the booster club until all have been sold. For information, call Anita Hakala at 527-2234 or Doreen Wilbur.

Auxiliary members decided to have an Easter bake sale on April 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the ambulance barn. Pies, breads, fudge and cream puffs are some of the items on sale. If anyone would like to make something for the food sale, please get in touch with Patty or Doreen at the above numbers.

Anyone interested in coming to the meeting, please give Doreen a call. The next meeting is April 14 at the ambulance barn at 6:30 p.m. Please come and join us. We can use all the support we can get to get Tri-Town in the groove again.

Notes from
SAD44 Adult Ed

Spring courses for Adult Education are starting the week of April 7. The brochure has been mailed, but there are a few changes. Some of the changes are:

Pottery class had been cancelled. **35mm Nature Photography** fee is \$35.

CPR — new dates, April 24 and May 1.

CPR Recertification — new date, May 8.

Step Aerobics time has been changed, now 5 to 6 p.m.

Earring Making — Wednesday, April 9 and April 16, 6 to 8 p.m. Fee \$10 plus \$10 lab fee. The first week will be learning the basics and making two pairs of drop earrings, and the second week will include instruction on how to set faceted cz stones in a snap-tight setting. Instructor: Nancy Holden.

35mm Nature Photography — Tuesday, April 1-May 27, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Fee: \$35. Topics will include the basics, exposure, equipment, flash photography, close-up, composition, tips, and publications and organizations. Beginners welcome. Instructor: Michael Loomis.

2003 Maine Driving Dynamics — Tuesday, May 6 and May 13, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Fee: \$25. Seniors, \$5. Worth license points and possible insurance discounts. Instructor: Ed Naples.

SCORE Workshops — Wednesdays, April 9, 16, 30, and May 7, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Fee: \$45. Topics include Preparing a Business Plan, Marketing, Cash Flow Projection and Financing a Small Business.

Intermediate Microsoft Access and PowerPoint — Thursday, April 17-May 29, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Fee: \$35. The MS Office suite includes both Access, which can be used to create databases and PowerPoint, which can be used to create various types of presentations. Instructor: Deena Bennett.

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First Aid — Thursday, April 10 and April 17, 6 to 10 p.m. Fee: \$30. Instructor: Jeannine Thornton.

CPR — Thursday, April 24 and May 1, 6 to 9 p.m. Fee: \$30. Instructor: Jeannine Thornton.

CPR Recertification — Thursday, May 8, 6 to 9 p.m. Fee: \$20. Instructor: Jeannine Thornton.

Pilates — Tuesday/Thursday, April 8-June 5, 5 to 6 p.m. Fee: \$35. Focuses on improving flexibility, balance and muscle strength. Instructor: Louisa Abarno.

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Call the office for more information (824-2780).

From the
District Exchange

The District Exchange Board held a meeting on April 1 at the Adult Learning Center in Bethel. The District Exchange Food Pantry and Thrift Shop is housed in the basement of the Adult Learning Center on Philbrook Street in Bethel. Michele Varuolo, Craig Alford and Cynthia Moran-Laux from Bethel Rotary presented information on the recent notification received from the Rotary Foundation of the awarding of two grants to the Bethel club for emergency and educational assistance to be distributed through the District Exchange and SAD44 Adult Education. The first grant for \$2,500 includes emergency fuel assistance, medical, and dental assistance. The second grant for \$2,500 is targeted at educational assistance for adults and includes funds for courses, medical and dental, transportation and books. Anyone wishing to apply for emergency assistance through this program or who would like to make a confidential referral, may contact Cathy Newell, Maryvonne Wheeler, or Freda Davis. Those interested in educational assistance may contact Nina Mollicone or Jean Waite at Adult Education, 824-2780. The Exchange Board and the Adult Education personnel present expressed their heartfelt thanks to the Bethel Rotary Club, especially to Bob Laux for writing the grants.

Erika Penczer reported on Food Pantry operations. Groups from Reach Out at Gould and the Congregational Youth Group have finished with shelving recently and Interact has done a food drive. Referrals for food assistance to those in need are handled on a referral basis through town offices and local churches. Food for the pantry is purchased through Good Shepherd Food Bank and local stores using donations and profits from the thrift shop, as well as being collected through food drives and donated on a regular basis by churches.

Volunteers in attendance, including Sylvia Dunham, Maryvonne Wheeler, Fran and Kim Shannon, Jane Hosterman and Barbara Mahler reported on the Thrift Shop operations. Hours currently are: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 3 to 5 p.m., and Saturday 10 to 12 a.m. Additional volunteers are being sought for a timeslot that would include some "after work" hours. Any individual or group willing to make a commitment for the summer months may call Cathy Newell at 875-2116. Volunteers are also

From the
Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

Welcome to our newest member, Nadeau Development Corp., Mike Nadeau, president. Mike offers complete landscaping services, from gravel to grass, either commercial or residential, from spring into fall. He also offers computer imaging proposals to show before and after results. Mike can be contacted at 364-3400 or e-mail wmpe@megalink.net.

Many thanks to Liam's Restaurant for hosting the Fishing Packages Luncheon this past Wednesday and to all our business members and friends who attended. The chamber will be moving ahead on helping to promote this area as an excellent destination for fishing as a recreational activity. If you happened to miss the luncheon and would like to know more about what was discussed, please contact either Robin from the chamber or Rocky Freda, from Sun Valley Sports and Guide Services.

The chamber would like to remind our friends and members about the Educational Technology and Conservation Exchange Program, otherwise known as ETCEP. SAD44 is benefitting in a very tangible way from the recycling of printer, copy machine, fax and plotter cartridges. Empty cartridges earn points, which are exchanged

From the
Jackson-Silver Auxiliary

Meetings in April will return to the twice-monthly schedule with the first on April 3 with a potluck supper at 6 p.m. prior to the 7 p.m. meeting.

At the March 20 meeting, donations to two causes were voted in memory of Rebecca Shaw and in honor of the Keniston family. It was also voted to order more Blue Star Service banners, cloth ones which can be hung in the window of a family with someone in the service. We have had smaller plastic ones but will now have cloth ones. If anyone in the area has someone in the armed services and would like to have one, please contact an auxiliary member. The ones ordered will each have one star. If a family has more than one person in the household serving, let us know and flags with the proper number of stars will be ordered.

Several of our members at Ledgeview as well as others from the community were visited recently.

The end of the organization's administrative year is coming up. Members are preparing year-end reports and looking for officers to be elected soon for the coming year as well as delegates to the department convention in June.

Several people in this and surrounding communities have been asking when the monthly supper/dances will resume. The date is

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being sought for the trip to Lewiston in alternating months to pick up USDA food and arrange for distribution to seniors.

The next meeting of the District Exchange Board is on Tuesday, May 13, at 1 pm at the Adult Learning Center.

From the Oxford County Democrats

The Oxford County Democrats met at the Mexico Town Hall on March 20 for a potluck supper and meeting. Rep. Rosita Gagne-Friel of Buckfield, a member of the Reapportionment Committee; Toby Guzowski, a committee staffer; and County Commissioner Fred Kennard spoke on the progress of the reapportionment process, which much be completed in the coming months. Details of the current Democratic proposals were presented and comments were taken from the County Committee members.

Sen. Bruce Bryant, Rep. John Patrick, and Rep. Gagne-Friel reported on legislative news, particularly progress on the budget. They expressed hope that a budget would be passed by April 1, but were all greatly concerned about the curtailment of many vital services. Sen. Bryant chairs the committees on Agriculture and Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Rep. Patrick serves on the Labor and Legal and Veterans' Affairs committees, and Rep. Gagne-Friel on Education. They encouraged individuals to visit the State House during the remaining weeks of the session. Sen. Bryant announced a special constituent meeting on Senior Citizen Issues scheduled for March 28 in Fryeburg.

Violet Raymond, a constituent services worker for Congressman Michael Michaud, spoke briefly. She read a prepared statement from Congressman Michaud on the war in Iraq, stressing the need to support the troops despite any feelings about the war itself. She announced plans for an Open House on April 25 at Congressman Michaud's Lewiston Office, and reported that she will be in Oxford County to meet with constituents on Wednesdays, with hours in Rumford/Mexico in the morning and Norway/Paris in the afternoon. She is exploring adding visits to other Oxford County towns and encouraged constituents to contact the Lewiston office at 782-3704.

The next meeting of the Oxford County Democrats will be at the

Legion Hall Building in Fryeburg on Thursday, April 17, with potluck at 5:30 p.m. and a meeting with a speaker at 6:30. For information on the Oxford County Democrats, contact Cathy Newell, 875-2116, or cathynewell@megalink.net.

From REACH

For the fifth year, REACH (Rape Education and Crisis Hotline) is pleased to announce the Spring Benefit Fashion Show, Luncheon and Silent Auction on May 4 at the Bethel Inn and Country Club. The event begins at 12 p.m. with social hour and silent auction bidding, followed by the luncheon and fashion show with guest speaker Arla Patch. Special features will be added to this year's show in celebration of the fifth year.

The theme follows suit with the REACH mission. "Celebrating Human Form" will bring us into spring with respect for our bodies and spirits regardless of age or gender. Fashions chosen by the models will be as different as they are beautiful. Pianist Duncan Slade will provide music for the social hour. The fashion show will be accented with drumming by Maya Best. In honor of the healing process, REACH has teamed up with four talented local artists. The event will round out with a live art auction with four art pieces from local artists: Lisa Moore, Katie Branch, Nikki Milonzi and Maya Beat. Eighty-five percent of the proceeds will assist REACH in providing direct client services at no charge. The remaining 15 percent will be respectfully paid to the artist.

Special thanks will be bestowed upon the sponsors and supporters that have made this work possible for the last five years. REACH's work continues because organizations and individuals recognize the need to end sexual violence and create a healthy culture in our communities. The REACH fashion show has been a source of entertainment, socialization and awareness as well as a fundraiser for the organization. This is a rare combination REACH is honored to provide. Tickets are \$25 per person, all-inclusive and are available at the REACH office, by calling 743-9777, or by e-mail: info@reachmaine.org.

REACH provides support, education and awareness around sexual violence to Oxford County and the towns of Harrison and Bridgton. For more information about the Spring Benefit, or about the work of

REACH, please call the REACH office, or e-mail the above address.

NOW News

Project NOW stands for Northern Oxford Wellness and is one of 31 community based Healthy Maine Partnerships that are funded with tobacco settlement money from the Fund for a Healthy Maine through the Partnership for A Tobacco-Free Maine, Bureau of Health, Department of Human Services. This organization is based out of Rumford as part of River Valley Healthy Communities Coalition. Project NOW's purpose is to educate others on the topics of tobacco, physical fitness, and good nutrition. The surrounding areas benefiting from these grant monies are those towns in SAD21, SAD43, SAD44, and Peru. If anyone has any questions or comments, please call RVHCC at 364-7408 M-F or e-mail at rvhcc@gwi.net.

The article below is adapted from: UC Berkeley Wellness Letter, February 2001, "Filtering the News About Coffee." For the complete article, go to www.berkeleywellness.com

Tea is the most popular beverage worldwide (after water), but coffee is close behind it in industrialized countries. While caffeine is a natural component of both tea and coffee, coffee contains more of it: anywhere from 60 to 120 milligrams in six ounces, depending on brewing methods and other factors. Caffeine is a mild psychoactive substance — it stimulates the central nervous system and improves alertness. It also boosts the analgesic effect of aspirin and other pain relievers, which is why it is added to some of these drugs. In large enough amounts, it can cause heart palpitations, stomach upset, and insomnia.

Coffee, derived from a bean, contains many other phytochemicals besides caffeine, and some of them may have beneficial effects in the body, as do those in tea, though this aspect of coffee is only beginning to be studied. Coffee itself has been extensively studied for years, generally to see if it causes disease. While many people believe decaf is more healthful than regular, there's no proof that it is.

Coffee has been blamed for causing many ailments, but in nearly every instance, it has been declared not guilty.

It was linked to heart disease, as well as pancreatic cancer, but then exonerated. Some researchers still worry that coffee drinking may promote high blood pressure, but many studies fail to show that it does.

Coffee was a suspected risk factor for osteoporosis, but it does not appear to increase the risk, even in heavy coffee drinkers — though there is still some controversy about this. (It's true that heavy coffee consumers are more likely to eat poorly and smoke, which boosts the risk of osteoporosis.)

Coffee was suspected of raising the risk of miscarriage and birth defects, but, again, studies haven't supported this, except perhaps for high intakes. Pregnant women should probably drink no more than a cup or two a day.

According to one study, coffee may reduce the risk of Parkinson's disease.

The bottom line is this: If you're healthy it's fine to drink coffee in moderation (no more than three or four cups a day). If you like the lift it gives, and the sociability it affords, there's no health reason to deprive yourself of coffee. If you overindulge and get coffee nerves, the remedy is simple — cut back. If it keeps you awake, stick to decaf in the evening.

From the Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

Nominations for the 2003 Bethel Historical Society Preservation Award are being sought by the Historic Preservation Committee consisting of Ken Bohr, chair (824-2913), Walt Hatch (824-3560), Mary Valentine (824-3235), Kathy Hooke (824-3641) and Sally Taylor (824-3170). Nominations of Oxford County properties fifty years old or more that have been sensitively maintained or recently restored according to generally accepted preservation standards are eligible. To nominate, please call one of the above committee members or the society office at 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910.

Another issue of the society's quarterly, The Courier, will appear soon. The cover features an article on Dr. Nathaniel Tuckerman True, Bethel's first historian and the founder of Gould Academy, by Dr. William B. Lapham, the famed

19th century local historian and genealogist. Anyone wishing a complimentary copy of this issue is encouraged to call the society office at above numbers or write P. O. Box 12, Bethel, ME 04217-0012 or send an e-mail: info@bethelhistorical.org.

More than a thousand members strong, the Bethel Historical Society, founded in 1966, is western Maine's largest and most comprehensive full-time historical agency, dedicated to collecting, preserving, and interpreting the regional past for present and future generations. For over thirty-five years, the society's activities have included lectures, exhibits, special events, heritage festivals, workshops, conferences, school and educational programs, and publications. Since 1974, the society has operated from its Broad Street headquarters, the Dr. Moses Mason House, a period house museum and research library. In 1999, it opened the O'Neil Robinson House (next door) to the public for an expanded exhibit program, museum shop space, and administrative offices. Through the years, the society's achievements have been recognized by a number of state and national organizations.

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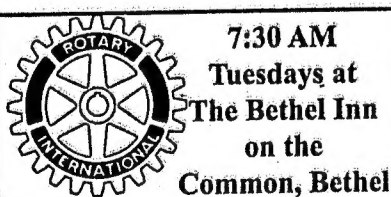
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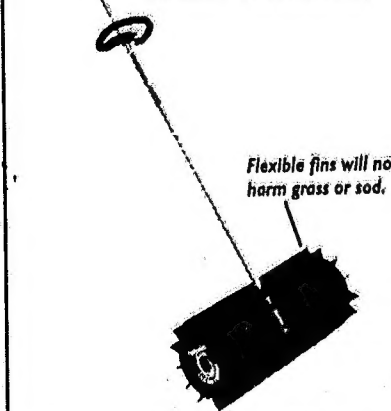
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Telstar MS science fair winners

By ELIOT POIRIER

The annual TMS Science Fair took place on Thursday, March 20. Judges participating said they were impressed with the presentations by the young scientists.

Thirty TMS students will be presenting their projects at the Sandy/Andy Science Fair. The top 10 projects were selected from each grade level.

The qualifiers for Grade Six are as follows: 1st, Brian Annis; 2nd, Lisa Pircirillo; 3rd, Kate Robert; 4th, Jen Aldrich; 5th, Liz Forkus. Honorable Mention went to: Parker Thurston, Galen Topper, Whitney Mills, Katlyn Keane/Brianna Douglas, and Peggine DePasquale.

The qualifiers for Grade Seven are as follows: 1st, Jessie Yasko/Bailey Davis; 2nd, Mark

Emerson/Brianne Bailey; 3rd, Kelsey Gamble; 4th, Jonathan Parsons/Marty Donovan; 5th, Merissa Osgood/Sarah Field. Honorable Mention went to: Joey Patenaude, Lisa Aron, Rochelle Jewell, Tyler Hodson, Ceesse Gaudreau/Amber Morin, and Paul Saucier.

The qualifiers for Grade Eight are: 1st, Erin Murphy/Caiti Shimmura; 2nd, Morgan Carver/Megan Smith; 3rd, Zach Meisner; 4th, Tamara Isham; 5th, Tara Lunney/Kara Thurlow. Honorable Mention went to: Lauren Conroy, Tonya Hebert, Jono Estes/Ryan Kimble, Joseline Belanger/Kayla Damon, and April Bolstridge/Nicole Gaidis.

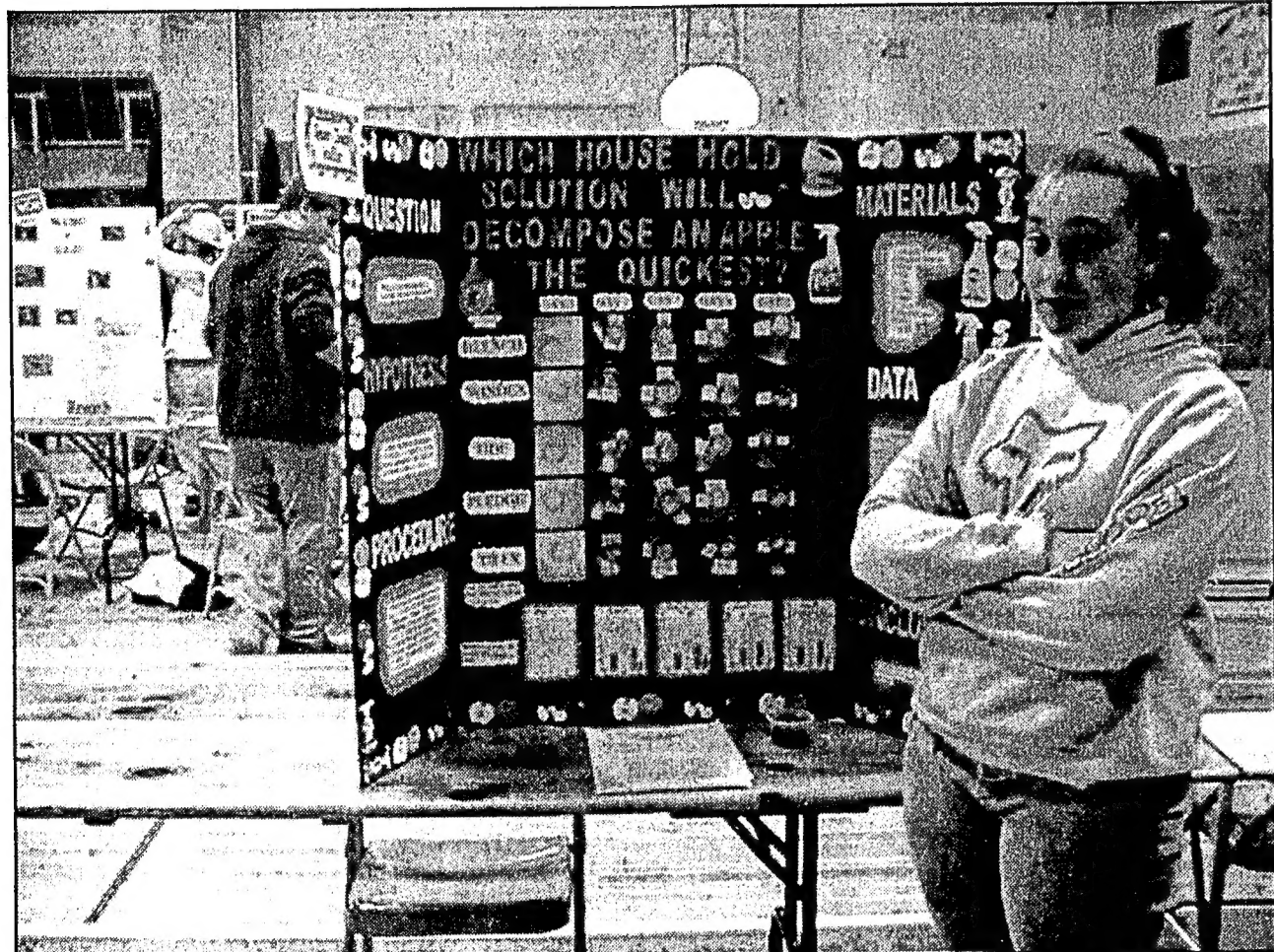
The general public also voted for their favorite projects, in a competi-

tion known as the Viewers Choice Awards. The awards were made as follows:

Grade Six: Most Scientific — Jen Cross; Best Show Board — Deagan Conrad; Most Original — Brittany Clark; Most Effort — Andrew Gunderson; Honorable Mention — Kalinda Cox/Liz Merrill.

Grade Seven: Most Scientific — Matt Sweetser; Best Show Board — Jimmy Gibson; Most Original — Dane Wilson/Jon Sabins; Most Effort — Ryan Hannigan; Honorable Mention — Esther Pew/Sarah Baker.

Grade Eight: Most Scientific — Cricket Kelly; Best Show Board — Bridgitte Downs; Most Original — Charlie Rice/Kevin Wight; Most Effort — Whitney James; Honorable Mention — Max Meader.



TMS SCIENTIST—The Telstar Middle School Science Fair took place March 20. Among students displaying projects was Cricket Kelly, who received a Viewer's Choice award for "Most Scientific."

TMS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Students of the Month for February at Telstar Middle School were:
Sixth grade — Brianna Douglass,

Matt Lauro, Jaymi Mack and Cassandra Roberts.
Seventh grade — Brianne Bailey

and Bailey Davis.
Eighth grade — Kevin Wight and Brittany Cole.

A GOOD SEASON
Bethel's G.R.C.C (Greater Rumford Community Center) basketball team was the League runner-up for the 2002-2003 season. The team, known as Hyde, competed in the prep league. Pictured are (front, from left): Casey Thornton, Danny Whitney, Tyler Brown, Ethan Phelps, A.J. Keith. Second row: coach Jim Keith, Austin Jodrey, Corey Howard, Jeb Clark, T.J. O'Connor, Drew Wilson, coach Tim O'Connor. The coaches said sportsmanship and team play got Hyde to the championship game. They lost 38-35 to a team who had beaten Hyde earlier in the season by 30 points.



SCHOOL LUNCHES: WEEK OF APRIL 7

SAD44 Elementary/Middle/High Breakfast Program

Breakfast for elementary schools and Telstar Regional High School will be choices every day.

SAD44 Middle/High Lunch Program

Monday: Sloppy Joe/bun, choice of: pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, chicken pattie, teriyaki chicken, sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
Tuesday: Hot dog/bun, baked beans, choice of: beef ravioli, chicken pattie, hamburger/bun, pbj sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
Wednesday: Pizza stix, choice of: hot dog/bun, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, hamburger/bun, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
Thursday: Chicken and gravy supreme, fluffy rice, steamed broccoli, biscuits, choice of: teriyaki chicken, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, hamburger/bun, pbj sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
Friday: BLT, sliced carrots, shape-ups, choice of: pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, ham and cheese roll, hamburger/bun, pbj sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

SAD44 Elementary Lunch Program

Monday: Sloppy Joe/bun, garden peas, choice of: beef ravioli, pbj sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
Tuesday: Hot dog, baked beans, bread, choice of: beef ravioli, pbj sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
Wednesday: Pizza stix, kernel corn, choice of: beef ravioli, pbj sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
Thursday: Chicken and gravy supreme, mashed potato, steamed broccoli, biscuits, choice of: beef ravioli, pbj sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
Friday: Beef ravioli, shape-ups, choice of: pbj sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
Oxford Hills High School Lunch
Monday: Hot dog/bun, baked beans, cole slaw, fruit, salad bar, pasta bar, pbj sandwich, milk.
Tuesday: Ham, bologna, cheese, lettuce, tomato sandwich, corn chips, fruit, pasta bar, salad bar, pbj sandwich, milk.
Wednesday: Pbj sandwich, yogurt, corn chips, fruit, salad bar, pasta bar, milk.
Thursday: Hot chicken patty/bun, macaroni salad, mixed vegetables, fruit, salad bar, pasta bar, pbj sandwich, milk.
Friday: Pizza sticks, potato wedges, salad bar, fruit, salad bar, pasta bar, pbj sandwich, milk.

Oxford Hills Middle School Lunch

Monday: Chicken salad on w/w or egg salad on w/w, fat free pretzels, salad bar, pasta bar, fruit, pbj sandwich, milk.
Tuesday: Tuna salad or vegetarian sub, corn chips, salad bar, pasta bar, fruit, pbj sandwich, milk.
Wednesday: Philly steak sub (w/cheese, peppers, onions) or hot ham w/cheese/bun, potato puffs, salad bar, pasta bar, fruit, pbj sandwich, milk.
Thursday: Rib-A-Que or chicken patty/bun, nachos, salad bar, pasta bar, fruit, pbj sandwich, milk.
Friday: Italian ravioli, bread/butter, fruit snacks, salad bar, pasta bar, fruit, pbj sandwich, milk.

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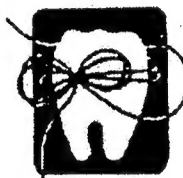
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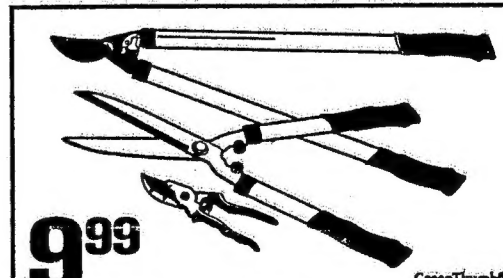
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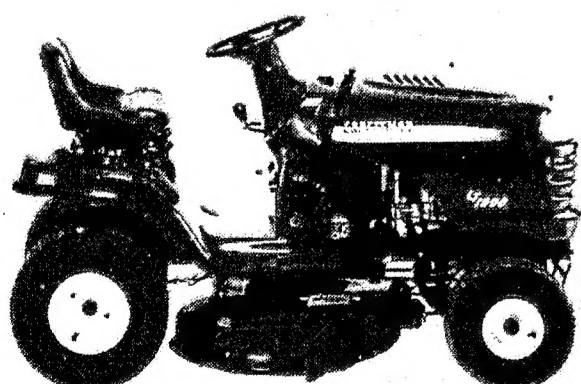
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Hockey team works with Mother Nature

By ELIOT POIRIER

Spring is a refreshing time of year. The birds are singing, the trees are blossoming, and the last traces of snow are disappearing. For most people, it's a wonderful season.

But for a local group of young hockey players it represents the end of another season, and a long wait until a hockey rink is reopened.

"I don't know if we can last that long without hockey," said Travis Brooks of Bethel, a long-time skater. He, along with the other teenagers, began skating at a young age.

Several years ago, they started playing hockey on a small pond at Sunday River Ski Resort, near twins Jake and Adam Largess' house.

Up through last season, Jake said, there were "just a few of us just skating around." This year, "we got sick of doing that and invited more of our friends to actually get a game going."

It went that way for a while, with the same six or eight boys playing a few afternoons a week. This core group consisted of the Largess twins, Brooks, Eliot Poirier, Brian Zinchuk, Peter Poor, Mark Hodgkin and Alex Best.

Ross Parker, Will Caswell, and Andrew Raymond also played when their jobs or other activities allowed it.

Older hockey enthusiasts Bob Losier, Andy Edwards, and Jim Largess also played occasionally.

The limited daylight of winter left the hockey boys wanting more of the sport.

"At first we were just playing in the daylight, but eventually we got so addicted to it (pond hockey, an anything goes version of the ice hockey) that we wanted to play all the time," said Adam Largess.

With that in mind, the boys designed an elaborate system for playing hockey at night. Two or three nights a week, the boys

worked for about an hour to set up the system. They carried many halogen lights down the steep path to the pond, and ran extension cords from each light to a generator. The pond itself was painstakingly shoveled off before and after each session.

"We usually played for about two hours a night, and after we got done, no one really wanted to do any clean-up, but eventually it got done," said Jake Largess.

The boys were at the mercy of the weather. They had no way to resurface the often rough and cracked pond.

One night, while setting up a game, the boys invited their teacher, Charlie Raymond, to play.

"We had always talked about playing hockey with each other in class, but I never really took them seriously," said Raymond. "That was until I actually went down to the pond and saw the work and effort the boys put into clearing the pond off and setting up the lights. They had taken it to a new level. Then I decided, we need to get them on some real ice."

Raymond, who has been playing in organized hockey leagues since he was four, arranged for the boys to play at Hebron's Robinson Ice Arena.

"We always wanted to play, but after we went to the arena, it became an obsession," said Zinchuk. "We played all the time on the pond after that."

Most of the boys bought full pads. They took what they were doing very seriously, and a team was formed. The group of teenagers decided on the team name of "P.H.C.", or "Pond Hockey Crew."

"The name started out as a joke, but the more we thought about it, the more we liked it, and eventually it just stuck," Brooks said.

By this time it was late January, and after shoveling the pond following a large storm, the boys noticed something.

"I was standing there catching my breath after shoveling it, and all the sudden I started sliding downward," said Brooks.

The pond had been warped by the heavy snow, and formed a lumpy bowl shape. "We were either skating downhill or uphill, there wasn't any flat areas left," said Brooks.

Skating at arenas was expensive, and ice time was tough to reserve, so the boys were forced to find a new place to skate. They found it, at the outdoor rink in Rumford's Hosmer Park.

"I think Andy Edwards first mentioned it to us, and after the pond got ruined we really didn't have a choice if we wanted to play," said Adam Largess.

The boys carpooled on the half-hour drive to Rumford once a week. They were impressed with the rink there.

"It was nice to play outside with boards, and on a maintained surface. The pond was fun, and that's where it all started, but I have to admit I liked Rumford," said Brooks.

The boys played there for a few weeks, but eventually Hosmer closed due to the fluctuating temperatures. They played a few more times at Hebron before the season ended.

When asked what they were going to do with the down time, (the rinks all close for the spring, and reopen midsummer) the boys groaned.

"I guess we might play street hockey to tide us over," said Brooks.

The boys' wait may be longer than midsummer, as they discovered when they attempted to rent ice for the summer.

"It's really expensive, for 20 sessions of an hour and a half, it would be about \$300 for each player," said Zinchuk.

The boys are trying to set up some fundraisers. "We just want to play," they said.

Parsons takes gold at Nationals

Thomas Parsons of Bethel took first place in the men's open class boardercross at the USASA National Championships March 29 at Sunday River Ski Resort.

Parsons' medal was the second gold of the week for the Gould/Sunday River program. On March 25, Gould Academy senior Aidan Payson won the men's open class slopestyle. That win, combined with his results in the March

28 halfpipe, earned Payson second place in the overall freestyle competition.

Parsons, 19, grew up snowboarding at Sunday River and graduated from Gould Academy in Bethel in 2001. As a senior at Gould, he won the 2001 USASA National Junior Championship in boardercross at Mammoth Mountain, Calif.

He heads next to Aspen, Colo. for the USSA Snowboard Finals,

where the nation's best pro riders compete to determine the Boardercross National Champion.

Both Payson and Parsons are four-year members of the Sunday River-based GSR snowboarding program and train under the guidance of Head Coach Chris Davies. They have been invited to participate in the next ESPN Winter X Games, to be held in Colorado in January 2004.



TELSTAR FBLA members attended a State Leadership Conference in March. They included Clayton Smith, Sarah Gamble, Ben Shimamura, Jason Tyler, Erin Tripp, Andy Aloisio, Tom Coolidge, Kayla Cole, Michelle Deegan, Amber Damon, Kim Lauro, Jessica Morin, and Mary Henley.

FBLA chapter brings home awards

The Future Business Leaders of America from Telstar High School participated in the State Leadership Conference in Portland in March.

Fourteen students attended the event, which included such activities as business related testing, business workshops, and spirit activities.

Ryan Cross and Ben Shimamura for being elected to the FBLA State Board. Shimamura will serve as the State Parliamentarian, and Cross as the State Reporter for the coming year.

The chapter advisor, Jennifer Bennett, will also be serving on the state advisory board. The State

Board consists of seven student members and their advisors who plan and run all activities for the Maine State FBLA.

Shimamura and Cross will receive a full four-year tuition scholarship to Johnson & Wales University for their state board service.

Many of the students received awards for participation in business skill testing. They included: Erin Tripp-first place, "Business Communications", third place, "Marketing", and recognition as Cross' campaign manager; Clayton Smith, second place, "Business Math"; Sarah Gamble, first place, "Impromptu Speaking", and second

place "Introduction to Parliamentary Procedures; Ben Shimamura, first place, "Introduction to Parliamentary Procedures," and second place, "Technology Concepts;" Entire Chapter, second place in the "lip sync" spirit event, with the group singing and dancing to "The Fresh Prince Of Bel Air."

The chapter was also recognized for their volunteer work done this year, a grand total of 1073 hours.

F.B.L.A. is always looking for volunteer opportunities. Anyone with a project in mind may contact Jennifer Bennett at Telstar High School.



POND HOCKEY CREW—Local hockey boys, the "PHC" (Pond Hockey Crew), shown here after a game at the Hebron Ice Arena. Front row, left to right: Andrew Raymond, Jake Largess, Eliot Poirier, Travis Brooks, Andy Edwards, Charlie Raymond. Second row, left to right: Ross Parker, Jim Largess, Will Caswell, Brian Zinchuk, Adam Largess, Peter Poor and Dustin Angevine.



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THURSDAY EVENING APRIL 3, 2003										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	70s Show	70s Show	WWE Smackdown!				News	Frasier	Frasier	Ent. Tonight
(32)	7th Heaven		Movie: "A Walk in the Clouds"				Whose?	Whose?	700 Club	
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Friends	Scrubs	Will-Grace	Good Mm		ER	News	
(8)	Minor League Baseball: Trenton at Portland				Bachelor: Where Are ...		Primetime Thursday	News		
(10)	News-Lehrer	Maine	Made In	Frontline			America Rebuilds		Rose	
(22)	Sportsctr.	Cup	NHL Hockey: Blackhawks at Blues or Islanders at Red Wings				Sportscenter			
(34)	Blind Date	Blind Date	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Movie: "Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan"					Real TV	
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: The Amazon	CSI: Crime Scn			Without a Trace	News		
(41)	Sports	54321	Best Damn Sports Show Period				Sports	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show	
(15)	Movie: "Driven"			Movie: "From Hell"					Shock Video	
(17)	Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Movie: "Seventeen Again"				Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Even	Boy World
(18)	Turbulence 3		Movie: "Someone Like You"				Movie: "Ali"			
(20)	Pregame	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at New Jersey Devils					Overtime	Sports Plus	ESPNNews	
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: "Full Circle"				Golden	Golden	
(5)	Seinfeld	Friends	Movie: "Sleepless in Seattle"					Movie: "Turner & Hooch"		
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Sponge	Amanda	Kids Say	Kids Say	Wings	Wings	Wings	
(25)	"Donovan's Reef" Cont'd	Movie: "The Quiet Man"					"The Barbarian and the Geisha"			
(26)	JAG		JAG		Movie: "Pitch Black"				Dead Zone	
(27)	American Justice	Biography		Movie: "Columbo: No Time to Die"					Third Watch	
(12)	Home Imp.	Will-Grace	Movie: "The Doctor"				News		Rockford Files	
(39)	Crossfire		Live From the Front Lines	Larry King Live			Newsnight-Aaron Brown	Front Lines	Moneyline	

FRIDAY EVENING APRIL 4, 2003										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	MLB Baseball: Boston Red Sox at Baltimore Orioles						News	Frasier	Frasier	Ent. Tonight
(32)	7th Heaven		Movie: "Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment"				Whose?	Whose?	700 Club	
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Talented Kid	Ed			Law & Order	News		
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Funniest Home Videos	8 Rules	Regular Joe	20/20		News		
(10)	News-Lehrer	Wash Wk	Wall	Keeping Up	Time Goes		Neighbors	One Foot	Now With Bill Moyers	
(22)	Sportsctr.	NBA	NBA Basketball: Sacramento Kings at Boston Celtics				NBA Basketball			
(34)	Blind Date	Blind Date	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.			Star Trek: Next Gener.	Real TV	Real TV	
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Star Search	Hack			48 Hours Investigates	News		
(41)	Sports	54321	NBA Basketball: Sacramento Kings at Boston Celtics				Postgame	Sports	Sports	
(15)	"The Glass House"		Movie: "Behind Enemy Lines"				Wire	Artiss	Real Time	
(17)	So Raven	Lizzie	Movie: "George of the Jungle"				Movie: "George of the Jungle"			
(18)	Movie: "Pulp Fiction"						Movie: "Not Another Teen Movie"		Best Sex	
(20)	MLB Baseball: Boston Red Sox at Baltimore Orioles						Innings	Extra Inn	ESPNNews	
(44)	Unsolved Mysteries		Final Justice	Movie: "The Killing Secret"				Golden	Golden	
(5)	Friends	MLB Baseball: Florida Marlins at Atlanta Braves					Seinfeld	Movie: "Assassins"		
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Sponge	Neutron	Oddparents	Cosby	Cosby	Wings	Wings	
(25)	"Strange Invaders"		Movie: "Journey to the Center of the Earth"				Movie: "The Day the Earth Stood Still"			
(26)	JAG		Movie: "Rudy: The Rudy Giuliani Story"				Monk		Law Order CI	
(27)	American Justice	Expedition Egypt		Palm Beach: Money, Power and Privilege					Third Watch	
(12)	MLB Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati Reds						News		Rockford Files	
(39)	Crossfire		Live From the Front Lines	Larry King Live			Newsnight-Aaron Brown	Front Lines	Moneyline	

SATURDAY EVENING APRIL 5, 2003										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "Cutaway"				News	Sanders	Entertainment Tonight	
(32)	7th Heaven		Movie: "Jack"				Movie: "Till Dad Do Us Part"			
(6)	Maine	Seinfeld	Fear Factor	Movie: "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom"			News	Sat. Night		
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	More Bloopers	Are You Hot			Are You Hot	News	Practice	
(10)	Made In	Wildlife	Skinwalkers: An American Mystery Special				Perfect Illusions: Eating	Red Green	Red Green	
(22)	Billiards: WPBA Nat'l's		Billiards: Trick				Figure Skating: World Championships	Sportscenter		
(34)	Blind Date	Blind Date	Real TV	Real TV	Real TV	WWE Velocity		WWE Confidential		
(13)	College Basketball		College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. Semifinal -- Syracuse vs. Texas				News	Andromeda		
(41)	Beyond the Glory		Boxing: Kirk Johnson vs. Lou Savarese				Last Word	See This	Best Damn Sports Show	
(15)	"The Fifth Element"		Movie: "The Salton Sea"				Six Feet Under		Legendary	"Wild Side"
(17)	So Raven	Hest	Movie: "Smart House"				So Raven	Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Kim
(18)	Movie: "Heist" Cont'd		Movie: "Virtuosity"				Movie: "Shallow Hal"			
(20)	MLB Baseball: Boston Red Sox at Baltimore Orioles		NE Journal	Divers	Outdoors	Outdoors	ESPNNews			
(44)	Movie: "Buried Secrets"		Movie: "Liar, Liar"						Final Justice	
(5)	MLB Baseball: Florida Marlins at Atlanta Braves						Movie: "Out for Justice"			
(24)	Neutron	Oddparents	All That	Awards	Amanda	Skeeter	Cosby	Cosby	Wings	Wings
(25)	Movie: "Midway" Cont'd		Movie: "Jaws"				Movie: "Chain Reaction"			
(26)	Movie: "The Firm" Cont'd			Nashville Star	Nashville Star				Law & Order	
(27)	American Justice	Cold Case Files		Crossing Jordan			Third Watch		Paparazzi	
(12)	Hap Days	Hap Days	Fresh Pr.	NBA Basketball: Milwaukee Bucks at Chicago Bulls			News		Punisher	
(39)	Capital Gang		CNN Presents	Larry King Weekend			CNN Saturday Night		CNN Presents	

SUNDAY EVENING APRIL 6, 2003										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "The Winner"				News	Red Sox	Sanders	Pyramid
(32)	7th Heaven		Movie: "Phenomenon"				Whose?	Whose?		
(6)	Dateline		American Dreams				Law Order CI		Central Park Jogger	News
(8)	Movie: "Atlantis: The Lost Empire"						Alias	Dragnet	News	Hot Ticket
(10)	Monarch of the Glen		Nature				Masterpiece Theatre		To Contrary	Religion
(22)	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. Semi.						Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. Semi. -- Teams TBA	Sportsctr.		
(34)	WWE Sunday Night Heat		Slamball				Real TV	Real TV	Blind Date	Blind Date
(13)	60 Minutes		Greek Life	Becker			Movie: "The Whole Nine Yards"		News	Friends
(41)	Boxing: Allen vs. Aquino		Beyond the Glory				Best Damn Sports Show	See This	Last Word	Beyond the Glory
(15)	"Sweet November"		Sopranos				Six Feet Under		Wire	Da Ali G
(17)	So Raven	Lizzie	Movie: "Quinta"				Lizzie	Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	So Raven
(18)	Movie: "Speed" Cont'd		Movie: "Summer Catch"						Movie: "Flailers"	
(20)	NE Journal	Divers	Outdoors	Outdoors			Wild World of Winter		ESPNNews	ESPNNews
(44)	Movie: "Forever Love"						Division		Strong Medicine	Any Day Now
(5)	"The Glimmer Man"		Movie: "Bad Boys"						Movie: "Bad Boys"	
(24)	Ginger	Taina	Garcia	Nick News	Kids Say	Kids Say	Cosby	Cosby	Wings	Wings
(25)	"Rain Man" Cont'd		Movie: "Rain Man"						Backstory	
(26)	"Out of Sight" Cont'd		Movie: "Anaconda"						Dead Zone	Law & Order
(27)	Columbo: No Time to Die		Biography						Biography	
(12)	Mutant X		Andromeda				Adventure Inc.	News	Replay	Rockford Files
(39)	Breaking News		CNN Presents				Larry King Weekend		CNN Sunday Night	CNN Presents

MONDAY EVENING APRIL 7, 2003										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	70s Show	70s Show	Parkers	One	Girlfriends	Half	News	Frasier	Frasier	Ent. Tonight
(32)	7th Heaven		Movie: "Drive Me Crazy"				Whose?	Whose?	700 Club	
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Fear Factor		Third Watch		Crossing Jordan		News	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Iraq War Coverage		Practice		Miracles		News	
(10)	News-Lehrer		Antiques Roadshow		Movie: "Daughter From Danang"		Vietnam Passg		Rose	
(22)	Sportsctr.	College Gamenight			Figure Skating: World Championships		Baseball		Sportsctr.	
(34)	Blind Date	Blind Date	Star Trek: Next Gener.		WWE Raw				CSI: Crime Scn	
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	King	Raymond			College Basketball: NCAA Championship		News	
(41)	Sports	54321	Best Damn Sports Show Period				Sports	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show	
(15)	Trapped	Legenda	Movie: "Q"		Movie: "Made Men"				"Normal"	
(17)	Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Movie: "Horse Sense"				Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Even	Boy World
(18)	"Kissing Jessica Stein"		Movie: "Shallow Hal"				Movie: "Under Siege 2: Dark Territory"			
(20)	Minor League Baseball: Ottawa at Pawtucket		NE Journal	Divers			Outdoors	Outdoors	ESPNNews	
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries		Movie: "Homeless to Harvard: The Liz Murray Story"		Homeless to Harvard			
(5)	Seinfeld	Friends	Movie: "Maverick"				Movie: "Wolf"			
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Sponge	Amanda	Kids Say	Kids Say	Cosby	Cosby	Wings	Wings
(25)	"The Long, Hot Summer"		Movie: "Flawless"				Movie: "Murder on the Orient Express"			
(26)	JAG		JAG		Walker, Texas Ranger				JAG	
(27)	American Justice	Biography			Midsomer Murders				Third Watch	
(12)	Home Imp.	Will-Grace	McCloud				News		Rockford Files	
(39)	Crossfire		Live From the Front Lines	Larry King Live			Newsnight-Aaron Brown	Front Lines	Moneyline	

TUESDAY EVENING APRIL 8, 2003										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	70s Show	70s Show	Buff the Vampire Slayer		Girlfriends	Half	News	Frasier	Frasier	Ent. Tonight
(32)	7th Heaven		Movie: "Mr. Wonderful"				Whose?	Whose?	700 Club	
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Will & Grace		Cher: The Farewell Tour				News	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	8 Rules	Jim	Jim	Home	NYPD Blue		News	
(10)	News-Lehrer		Nova		Scientific-Frontiers		Independent Lens		Charlie Rose	
(22)	Sportsctr.	Wm. Basketball			Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. Final -- Teams TBA				Sportscenter	
(34)	Blind Date	Blind Date	Star Trek: Next Gener.		Movie: "Star Trek III: The Search for Spock"				Real TV	
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	JAG		Guardian		Judging Amy		News	
(41)	Sports	54321	Best Damn Sports Show Period				Sports	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show	
(15)	"Behind Enemy Lines"		Movie: "The Salton Sea"				Crank: Made in America		Six Feet Under	
(17)	Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Movie: "A Ring of Endless Light"				Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Even	Boy World
(18)	"Terminal Velocity"		On Set	Movie: "Joe Dirt"			Movie: "Tin Cup"			
(20)	MLB Baseball: Boston Red Sox at Toronto Blue Jays						Innings	Extra Inn	ESPNNews	
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries		Movie: "We Were the Mulvanys"				Golden	Golden
(5)	Seinfeld	Friends	Movie: "Play It to the Bone"				Movie: "Boyz n the Hood"			
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Sponge	Amanda	Kids Say	Kids Say	Cosby	Cosby	Wings	Wings
(25)	Movie: "Flawless" Cont'd		Movie: "Rain Man"				Movie: "French Kiss"			
(26)	JAG		Movie: "Happy Gilmore"				JAG		Dragnet	
(27)	Columbo: Sex		Movie: "Napoleon"				Movie: "Napoleon"			
(12)	Home Imp.	Will-Grace	McCloud				News		Rockford Files	
(39)	Crossfire		Live From the Front Lines	Larry King Live			Newsnight-Aaron Brown	Front Lines	Moneyline	

WEDNESDAY EVENING APRIL 9, 2003										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	70s Show	70s Show	Enterprise		Twilight Zone		News	Frasier	Frasier	Ent. Tonight
(32)	7th Heaven		Movie: "Joe Versus the Volcano"				Whose?	Whose?	700 Club	
6	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Dateline		West Wing		Law & Order		News	
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	My Wife	Lopez	Bachelor		All American Girl		News	
10	News-Lehrer		Journey to Planet Earth				Peter and Paul and the Christian Revolution			Rose
(22)	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal -- Teams TBA						NBA Basketball: Timberwolves at Sonics			
(34)	Blind Date	Blind Date	Star Trek: Next Gener.		Movie: "Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home"					
13	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Star Search		60 Minutes II		48 Hours Investigates		News	
(41)	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Washington Wizards				Postgame		Sports	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show	
(15)	Movie: "A.I.: Artificial Intelligence" Cont'd				Six Feet Under		Legendary	Real-Time		Del Post
(17)	Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Movie: "Right on Track"				Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Even	Boy World
(18)	"Death Warrant" Cont'd		Movie: "The Marrying Man"				Movie: "Shallow Hal"			
(20)	MLB Baseball: Boston Red Sox at Toronto Blue Jays						Innings	Extra Inn	ESPNNews	
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries		Movie: "Too Young to Be a Dad"				Golden	Golden
(5)	Seinfeld	Friends	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Ripley's Believe It or Not!		Movie: "Bad Boys"			
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Sponge	Amanda	Kids Say	Kids Say	Cosby	Cosby	Wings	Wings
(25)	"Rain Man" Cont'd		Movie: "French Connection II"				Movie: "Dillinger"			
(26)	JAG		Movie: "Mercury Rising"				Movie: "Last Man Standing"			
(27)	American Justice		Movie: "Napoleon"				Movie: "Napoleon"			
(12)	Home Imp.	Will-Grace	McCloud				News		Rockford Files	
(30)	Crossfire		Live From the Front Lines		Larry King Live		Newsnight-Aaron Brown		Front Lines	Money

Events Calendar

Public Computer Access—Hours at the SAD44 Adult Learning Center, 100 Main St., are Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon; Wednesday, 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.; and Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon for academic instruction and GED preparation, as well as use of the computer lab.

Seniors Lunch every Tuesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m., at Bethel Methodist Church, Main Street, sponsored by SeniorsPlus. Donation for 60 and older and spouses, \$2.50; all other guests, \$4. Reservations important. For information, menus, reservations, call 824-3168 (also the number to call to apply for Meals on Wheels).

9 a.m. (Thursdays)—Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge at Town and Country Mobile Home Park community center, Norway. All bridge players invited to attend and bring a friend or two. Refreshments. For more information, call Mimi Bell (743-8081) or Rowena Palmer (743-2882) or e-mail bridge@megalink.net.

Every Saturday, 10 to 11 a.m.—Women in Black, an international peace network where women wear black and mourn victims of war and protest destruction of people, nature and the fabric of life stand in silence across from Norway Library. All welcome.

Thursday, April 3

Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens meeting at Franklin Grange, Bryant Pond with dinner by Daughters of Union Veterans and program by Anita Wiles from Seniors Plus.

7 p.m.—“A Day in the Life of a Snow Ranger” will be presented by Brian Johnston at Northern Forest Heritage Park Logging Camp Bunkhouse, 961 Main Street, Berlin, N.H., as the final program in the Fireside Adventure Series. Adults, \$5, children 12 and under, \$3. FMI, call (603) 752-7202.

Friday, April 4

7 to 8 p.m.—Debi Irons, improvisational dancer, and Tom Zicarelli, jazz saxophonist will be featured artists in the Mahoosuc Arts Council's Meet the Artists Series at the Trustee's Auditorium in the McLaughlin Science Center at Gould Academy. Seating limited. Admission: \$5 for adults and \$2 for students. FMI, call 824-3575.

April 4 and 5

Greenwood and Woodstock Summer Softball/baseball signups at Whitman Library in Bryant Pond—on Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 to 12 a.m. \$10 per individual, \$25 for family of three or more.

Saturday, April 5

5:30 p.m.—Public Supper (baked beans, casseroles, salads, rolls, pies, beverage) at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street. Adults: \$5; under 12, \$2.50.

7 p.m.—Diane Mulse of Auburn will present a concert of Gospel music at Church of the Nazarene, Bethel. Public cordially invited to attend. No admission charge but freewill offering accepted for Mulse Music Ministry.

5:30 to 9:30 p.m.—Benefit for Barbara Amburgey, long-time Sunday River skier and condo owner who is a quadriplegic after a skiing accident on Dec. 8, will be held at the Grand Summit Hotel Ballroom featuring live and silent auction, buffet, cash bar and music. Tickets: \$25 on sale now (call Stu Jones at 824-6408 or 895-9551). Proceeds to help defray enormous costs to get her from rehabilitation to home.

Support Services

Abused Women's Advocacy Project

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5006; 24-hour hotline 1-800-559-2927.

Alcohol/Drug Treatment

Gateway Recovery Services—Outpatient counseling services available at Bethel Family Health Center, Mondays and Wednesdays. For info, call 207-743-7580.

Diabetes Support Group

The Diabetes Support Group meets on the third Wednesday of each month. The meeting is held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Harper Conference Center in the Ripley Medical Building. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Betty Sirois at 743-5933.

Exchanges

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday, 1 to 4 p.m.; Thursday 3 to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center announces that individuals or families requiring assistance with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

MS Self-Help Group

Meets the first Friday of the month from 1-2:30 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church, next to Gould Academy. For more information, call Gale Tout at 836-2900.

Mental Illness Support Group

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional or physical illness, provides support, relaxation and socialization. Monday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays or (800) 335-9999 off hours. 928-3222.

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

Veterans' Services (State/VA Benefits)

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first and third Wednesday each month, 9 to 12 noon (743-6300); Rumford Employment Sec. Bldg. (364-3718), second and fourth Thursday, 9 to 12 noon; Lewiston (795-4580), 200 Main St., 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday; location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15 p.m. Tel. 392-4841. (new members welcome)

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. Tel. 392-4841.
Bethel Library: Monday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1-8 p.m.; Thursday 1-5 p.m.; Friday, 1-5 p.m.; Saturday, 9-11 p.m. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 a.m. October to May. Michelle Conroy, Librarian. 824-2520.

Crescent Park Elementary School: Open every Wednesday evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to the Public.
Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hills: Tuesday-Friday, 11:30-5:30; Saturday, 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m. Tel. 743-2980.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505.
Library hours: Tuesday & Thursday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 12 p.m. and 4 p.m.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:30-7 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-5 p.m. 674-2004.

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 10-12 through July and August. Story
Upton Library: Saturdays 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

2 p.m.—Benefit Concert by the Maine Kantele Consort playing Finnish folk instruments at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Forum. Music, refreshments and raffles. Donations accepted to benefit The Maine Kantele Institute, South Portland in July. FMI, call Barbara Honkala at 824-2711.

8 to 12 p.m.—Telstar Alumni Association Dance at American Legion Hall in Locke Mills. Music by The Suspects. ID required. BYOB. \$8 in advance or \$10 at door. Tickets available at Maine Line Products in Bethel and Locke Mills or call Sally at 875-3335.

1 p.m.—Howard Lowenthal, Dublin, N.H. will present a concert of interactive folk music for families and children at St. Kieran Community Arts Center, 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H. Tickets: \$5 and \$3 at door. FMI, call (603) 752-1028.

5 to 6:30 p.m.—Public Supper at VFW Hall, South Paris to benefit World's Fair Adults, \$5, under 12, \$3. Menu: lasagna, meatballs, chop suey, pasta salad, potato salad, biscuits, beans, hot dogs, tossed salad, cole slaw, macaroni salad, strawberry shortcake.

10 to 12 a.m.—Maine Orchids in the Wild, a slide presentation by former Maine Orchid Society president, John Mattor at McLaughlin Foundation, 97 Main Street, South Paris. \$8 includes refreshments. Pre-register by calling 743-8820.

Sunday, April 6

Noon to 3 p.m.—Bottle Drive at SAD44 bus garage, sponsored by Telstar Regional High School baseball team to raise funds for the team's spring training trip to Florida. For bottle pick-up, call 824-3136.

Sunday River Community Ski Day—free lift ticket, free rentals, free 1st Experience Learn to Ski/Ride Clinic and 50 percent off at select restaurants. Must show ID.

1 p.m.—Basket Bingo at American Legion Hall, Locke Mills, sponsored by Oxford County Fair Racetrack. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Tickets: \$10 at door.

Tuesday, April 8

6:30 p.m.—Telstar Alumni Association Meeting at Telstar Regional High School Conference Room (across from the guidance room).

5:30 p.m.—Oxford County Republican Committee meeting at Oxford Advent Christian Church, Route 26 south of Wal-Mart. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will be 7:30 p.m. All area Republicans urged to attend.

5:30 p.m.—Dinner/Dance at Jackson Silver Post, Locke Mills with Richard Felt Band furnishing music. Cost: \$6 for adults and \$3 for 12 and under.



The Fare Share Follies will celebrate the arrival of spring AND Fare Share Co-op's 25th birthday. Held on Friday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Auditorium in Norway, the Follies will be hosted by local physical comedian, Mike Miclon and feature singer Jewel Clark of Bethel. Tickets for the Fare Share Follies are available at Fare Share Market, 443 Main Street. It is open Monday through Friday from 9 to 6, and Saturdays from 10 to 4. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12. All proceeds will benefit the Fare Share Co-operative.

Wednesday, April 9

11 a.m.—Bethel Senior Citizens Club luncheon (\$6.50) and meeting at Gorham, N.H., Legion Hall.

Thursday, April 10

6 p.m.—Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District annual meeting at South Paris Congregational Church. Admission: \$7 includes dinner. Reserve seats and pre-pay by April 3 at Oxford County SWCD, 1570 Main, Suite 10, Oxford, ME 04270.

8:30 to 11:30 a.m.—Northern Oxford County Area Counselors 13th annual Post Secondary Fair at the Grand Ballroom of the Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River. Approximately 100 colleges, military recruiters and FAME representatives attend to offer their services to area high school students.

Saturday, April 12

11 a.m. (doors open) bingo at 12:30 p.m.—Basket Bingo at St. Athanasius and St. John Church hall, Rumford. Tickets: \$10 for 20 games. FMI, call Donald Fournier at 364-2528.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Rummage Sale at Wilkins Community House (next to church on Plummer Hill Road), Waterford Flat, sponsored by Waterford Congregational Church. Clothes and accessories, household goods and other items at bargain prices. Light refreshments. FMI, call Karen Fillebrown at 583-2320.

Sunday, April 13

6 p.m.—Ken Fernald, “New England's own gospel singer” will appear in concert at The Bethel Alliance Church. Dessert social will follow. FMI, call 824-2289.

Wednesday, April 16

7 p.m.—Owls of Maine, featuring live birds, sponsored by Mahoosuc

Land Trust at Gould Academy Bingham Auditorium. Free and open to the public.

Thursday, April 17

5:30 p.m.—Oxford County Democrats will meet at the Legion Hall Building, Fryeburg for potluck supper and meeting. For more information, contact Cathy Newell at 875-2116 or e-mail cathynewell@megalink.net.

Friday, April 18

Tally Ho 4-H Club “Take-a-chance” Auction at Telstar Regional High School.

7 p.m.—Fare Share Follies, hosted by local physical comedian Mike Miclon and feature singer Jewel Clark of Bethel at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School auditorium, Norway. Featured will be a dozen other area professional and amateur performers. Tickets (\$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12) available at Fare Share Market, 443 Main Street, Norway. Proceeds benefit the Fare Share Co-operative.

Saturday, April 19

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.—Easter Bake Sale at Tri-Town ambulance barn on Route 26, West Paris.

Thursday, April 24

One-day trip to Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun, sponsored by Oxford Hills AARP. FMI, call Walter or Henrietta Taft at 743-3970.

Friday, April 25

2 p.m.—Bethel Airport Authority Celebration of the Runway Expansion Project with ribbon-cutting ceremony at Bethel Regional Airport /Colonel Dyke Field Cleary hangar. Public invited. Anyone interested in an advertisement, sponsorship or in sharing pictures should contact Eric Wight at 824-3470 or Cathy Newell at 875-2116.

Monthly Meetings

First Sunday: Bethel Snow Twisters Club meets at Clayton Crockett's at 7 p.m. September through April.

Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club meeting at Newry Town Office.

Second Sunday: Western Maine Mountain Trail Riders ATV Club meets at 6:30pm at Sun Valley Sports, 129 Sunday River Road, Bethel. New members welcome.

Every Sunday: Western Mountains Meditation Group, Center for Natural Healing, 47 Pioneer Street, West Paris, 9:30 a.m. 674-3961.
Bethel Freedom Group AA meeting, 6 to 7 p.m. ST/BB at Bethel Fire Station.

First and Third Monday: Bethel Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.
Newry Fire Department monthly meetings: first Monday, 7 p.m., at Sunday River Station; third Monday, 7 p.m., Bear River Station.

Franklin Grange #124, 7:00p.m., call 674-3046 or 674-3962 for more info.
First Monday: Greenwood Planning Board meets at Town Office, 7 p.m.

Second Monday: Newry Mother's Club meets, 7:30 p.m.
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, J. Grover Tent #17, Ellis River Riders meet at Andover Fire Station, 7 p.m.

Second and Fourth Monday: SAD44 Board of Directors meets in Bethel, Woodstock or Andover at 7:30 p.m. Call 824-2185 for place.
Every Monday: Mahoosuc Music Makers rehearsal, 7-9 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church (downstairs).

First Tuesday: Upton selectmen meet at 7 p.m. at Town Office.
Western Maine Kniters Guild meets at Christ Church, Norway, 10 a.m. to noon.

First and Third Tuesday: The Greater Rumford Alliance for the Mentally Ill-Children and Adolescent Network (GRAMI-CAN) Support, education and advocacy. Meets in the former St. John's rectory from 6:30-8 p.m. in Rumford. Contact Diane at 369-0542.
Bethel Area Promise Keepers, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

FACTS (Family/Friends and Consumers Together for Support) 6:30-8 p.m. at Ethel Bisbee Adult Learning Center. Contact Rhonda at 824-3076.
Greenwood selectmen meet at Town Office, 5 p.m.

Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m. at Town Office.
Woodstock Selectmen meet at 5 p.m. at Town Office.

Second Tuesday: Mundt-Allen Post, American Legion, meeting at 7:30 p.m. Supper starts at 6:30 p.m.
Telstar Alumni Association meets in the guidance conference room.

Ladies' Bible Fellowship, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.
Second and Fourth Tuesday: The Bethel Lions Club meets at the Rebel Family Restaurant, West Bethel at 6:30pm.

Third Tuesday: Pine Tree Legal Assistance at Bethel Area Health Center, starting at 10 a.m.
Greenwood selectmen will hold their first budget meeting immediately following the selectmen's meeting.

Every Tuesday: Bethel Rotary Club meets at The Bethel Inn, 7:30 a.m.
Andover Board of Selectmen meets at the Town office, 7 p.m.

Newry Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 9 a.m.
CrossCountry Quilters will meet at the Robinson House or Bethel Library from 9 to 11am except the last Tuesday of each month the meeting will be from 7 to 9pm.

Cub Scout Pack 566 meeting, 6 p.m., at Crescent Park School Cafeteria.
Mollycoddett Chorus practice, 6:30-9 p.m. at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Skeetfield Rd., Oxford (Call 824-2468 for info).

First Wednesday: Greenwood Historical Society meets at the Society Building, Main St., Locke Mills, 7 p.m.
Bethel Area Archery Spinning Group, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Potluck luncheon.

The Ash-Risely Detachment of the Marine Corps League meets at 6:30pm at the VFW Post #2520, Berlin, NH. All current marines and

former Marines are welcome to attend. For more information, please call (603) 237-9395 or (603) 752-3042.

Second Wednesday: Gilead selectmen meet at Town Office, 7 p.m.

Tax collector also holds hours.
Friends of the West Paris Library, 6:30 p.m. (new members welcome)
First and Third Wednesday: Newry Planning Board, Town Office, 7 p.m.

Second and Fourth Wednesday: Bethel Planning Board meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.
Fourth Wednesday: Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, H.F. Richardson Tent #19, East Stoneham, K of P Hall, 7 p.m. For more info, call 928-2811.

Women's Fellowship, West Parish Congregational Church, Garland Chapel, Bethel, 9:30 a.m.
Jefferson Chapter, 89, OES, Bryant Pond, 6:30 p.m.; refreshments, 7:30 meeting. (Except July and Aug.)

Last Wednesday of Sept., Nov., Jan., March and May: Crescent Park School PTA, 6:30-8 p.m. Babysitting provided.
Every Wednesday: TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:45-7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

The Harmony Singers, a new Bethel community chorus, rehearses from 7:00 to 8:30 pm Wednesday evenings at 196 Intervale Road. This group welcomes singers of all ages and abilities. Join us on Wednesday evenings or send inquiries to jilln@etel.net or call 824-8721.

First Thursday: United Methodist Women meet at the Bethel Methodist Church at 1 p.m.
Bethel Recreation Board meeting, 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Second Thursday: Board of Directors of Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce meets at Bethel Alliance Church, 7:30 a.m.
Newry Fire Auxiliary meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Bethel Lodge #97, AF & AM.
A book discussion group at Whitman Memorial Library at 10:00am Oxford County Democrats. Contact: Cathy Newell at 875-2116.

First and Third Thursday: Jackson-Silver Post, Locke Mills, 7 p.m.
West Paris Grange #296, 7:30pm. Call 674-3962 or 674-3046
Fourth Thursday: Bethel Area Poets Society Reading, 7 to 9 p.m. Call 824-3427 for more info.

Every Thursday: Andover Water District Board of Directors meets at 7 p.m.
West Paris Board of Selectmen meet at the Town Office, 6:30 p.m.

Middle and High School Youth Groups, 6:30 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.
First Friday: The Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association meets at 7 p.m. at the Newry home of Norman and Eleanor Davis, 824-2844.

Greenstock Snow Sports Snowmobile Club meets at the Greenwood Town Office at 7 p.m.
Third Friday: Mt. Abram Lodge, 100R 7:30 p.m.

State Line Snowmobile Club Monthly meetings held at John Thriault's house on East B Hill Road, Upton.
Every Friday: Game Party at Jackson-Silver Post No. 68, Gore Road, Locke Mills, 6 p.m.

First Saturday: Western Maine Mountain Jeepers meet at 7 p.m. at Bethel Fire Station.
St. Andrews Society meeting, 10 a.m., Harvest House, Lisbon (business meeting with lunch).

Second Saturday: Woodstock Historical Society meets at 7 p.m. in historical society museum. Open to public.
Last Saturday: Upton Planning Board meets at 9 a.m. at the Town Office.

Seasonal only: Every Saturday: Bethel Farmers' Market, Bethel Area Health Center parking lot, 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Locally grown produce and local goods.

Items for the Community Calendar may be brought to The Bethel Citizen office, mailed in or phoned in at 824-2444.
The deadline is Monday noon.

Church Services

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Bethel Alliance Church—Rev. Rick Mowery, 10:00 a.m. worship, Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. Evening fellowship and youth ministries 6:00pm, Sundays. Prayer fellowship 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays.

Church of the Nazarene—Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school (2 hours, including recreation activities; call 824-4028 for transportation). 10:30 a.m. morning worship. 6 p.m. evening service. 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 for more info.

West Parish Congregational—Rev. Daniel Johnson. 10:30 a.m. worship. Nursery care provided. Prayer, Tues., 8 a.m. For more information call 824-8860.

Our Lady of the Snows—Mass—Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Dec. 21 - March 29. Pastor Father Maurice Lebel 743-2606.
United Methodist—Rev. Betsy S. Webber, Pastor, 11 a.m. Sunday worship. Rainbow Church School, 3-5 p.m. Thursdays (all ages welcome).

West Bethel Union—9 a.m. worship and Sunday school. For info, call 836-2844 or 836-2882. Rev. Earl H. Bell.

Pleasant Valley Bible—Pastor Clifford McMullen, 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship. 836-2828.

Episcopal House Church—Holy communion service the third Sunday of every month at 4:00pm at 38 Chapman Street. For further info, call the Reverend Gwyneth Bohr at 824-2913.

Church of Christ—at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mill Road (Rt. 26), Bethel. Worship at 10 a.m. Sunday. Bible study at 11 a.m. 824-3577.

Worldwide Church of God—10:30 a.m. first, second third (and fifth) Saturday each month. Services held in the dining hall of the West Parish Congregational Church. Contact: George Weber, 892-0779

Woodstock

Bryant Pond Baptist—Rev. Peter Laitres, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15am; Adult Bible Fellowship 9:15am; Morning Worship 10:30am; Choir Practice 4:45pm; Evening Preaching Service 6:00pm. Wednesdays: Patch the Pirate Club 6:30pm; Prayer Meeting and Bible Study 6:30pm.

Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist—Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678). Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock)—Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.
Mahoosuc Mountains Friends—a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers)—Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. First Day School activities provided for children. Call Arla Patch 665-2224 for more info.

Andover

First Congregational Church—Pastor Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10am followed by coffee fellowship. Sunday School on Tuesdays from 3-4:15pm for children in grades K-5. Thursday, choir practice at 6:30. All are welcome.

Calvary Bible Church—Pastor John O'Keefe. Winter hours: Sunday School 9:30am, Sunday AM worship 10:45am, Wednesday bible study and prayer meeting 6:45pm, Thursday Men's Discipleship 7:00pm. Contact church for schedule of Ladies Discipleship and bible study groups. Route 5, S. Andover. 392-1121.

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Assembly of God—Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m. (603-466-2851).

Locke Mills

Locke Mills Union—Rev. Michael Johnson. Worship will be held at 10:00am.

East Stoneham

Oxford County United Parish—Rev. George Froberg, 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School; Sunday morning worship will be held at the North Waterford Church beginning November 3 and continuing through the winter months.

Newry

Newry Community Church—Sunday worship service, 9 a.m. Rodney H. Hanscom, pastor. (Services in the church will resume in April)

Albany

Congregational Church—Hunt's Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the church.

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Hams

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"I work in the niche of operators who like to build our own gear, then hike, bike or boat to a great location, hang an antenna in the trees and see how far we can communicate," he said. Lyon has transmitted by low power from North and South America, Hawaii, Europe, and Africa.

Lyon said some operators bounce their signals off the moon, or a meteor or aurora ionization. "You're really out there playing with the fringes of technology, scientific knowledge and cosmic entities," he said.

Norm Clanton of Bethel knows Morse code, and has a ham station at his home. But these days, the veteran operator, who first got his license in 1955, communicates mainly by a hand-held radio.

On the road a lot for his work, Clanton often talks to ham friends while driving. The signal is carried by way of repeaters, located on mountains such as Spruce, Streaked and Mt. Washington.

"The other day I was talking with a friend in Falmouth through the

'There's a group of guys that hangs out on one particular frequency,' Clanton said, speaking of the on-air gathering like most of us would talk about getting together with friends over coffee.

repeater on Mt. Washington," he said.

And on Sunday mornings, Clanton chats with a group of friends hailing from Texas, Illinois, Florida, Georgia and New Zealand.

"There's a group of guys that hangs out on one particular frequency," he said, speaking of the on-air gathering like most of us would talk about getting together with friends over coffee.

"I've made friends on the radio that I've never met in person," he said.

Ironically, if he isn't going to be home for the regular Sunday morn-

ing gathering, he said, he e-mails one of his friends to let him know.

He said many hams are taking advantage of developing technology, with some communicating through satellites funded by ham organizations or even by plugging into the Internet.

Helping in an emergency
Like many operators, Clanton is available to help with communications if an emergency were to take down regular methods.

He is a member of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service, a group that meets monthly at the Oxford

County Courthouse to keep up generally on communications topics.

Clanton said local hams often take part in field days — for example, operating off generators for a 24-hour period to keep their skills sharp for an emergency.

Hams played a role on Sept. 11, 2001. When the twin towers fell, much of the communications infrastructure of New York City was taken out. In addition, cell phone and computer communications were generally jammed.

Following the disaster, hams staffed shelters and communicated with the Red Cross to request personnel and supplies.

In the event of a disaster in Oxford County, local hams could serve a similar role, Clanton said.

Andover Fire Chief Ken Dixon said he would be quick to rely on a ham if other communication methods were unavailable.

Through arrangements with the county Emergency Management Agency, a network of hams "could be brought on board," said Dixon.

He said he would first contact John Wilcox of Rumford, a ham operator who works at the WorldCom satellite station in Andover. "He would be my guy," said Dixon.

Wilcox has not served in an emergency situation here, but while living in West Virginia 20 years ago, he and other hams relayed messages for five days during a serious flood.

Otherwise, like Clanton, Wilcox confines himself to casual voice conversations with nearby friends, as well as foreign hams he runs into over the airwaves.

"I get on in the evenings, when it's time to relax," he said. "I chat with friends and make new acquaintances. I get out of the country three or four times a week."

Given the current political climate, does he discuss world events with the foreign operators?

"No," said Wilcox. "It's not our place. (Ham instructors) taught us never to discuss religion and politics. Radio is supposed to be fun."



MOBILE HAM
Norm Clanton, a long-time ham radio operator, often chats with friends from his hand-held radio in his car. Clanton also has a traditional station at his home in Bethel. On Sunday mornings, he gets together on-air with several other operators around the country and the world. Clanton was first licensed to operate in 1955.

(Photo by Alison Aloisio)

In our back yard

'Universal' wastes are also hazardous

You have probably heard the term "hazardous waste." Most people know this as the type of waste they definitely do not want to be around, the type of waste that is dangerous to handle without proper safety equipment (like safety glasses and chemical resistant gloves) and dangerous to store without taking special precautions in the storage area. Hazardous wastes have been regulated and managed for years, but now there is a new term that may become just as common as the term hazardous waste. This new classification of waste is called "universal waste."

What is Universal Waste? — Universal wastes are CRTs — cathode ray tubes (computer monitors, TVs), fluorescent light bulbs, also called fluorescent lamps, mercury-containing thermostats, certain batteries, lighting ballasts (transformers) that contain polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), mercury devices, such as mercury thermometers, mercury containing barometers, mercury containing switches from appliances (sump pumps, for example), and motor vehicle mercury switches.

It may surprise you to learn that universal wastes are hazardous. They are just one of several types of hazardous waste. Although you use the items listed above without any special, protective equipment and it is perfectly safe to handle thermometers and fluorescent lamps that are not broken, all these items contain hazardous chemicals that can harm human health and the environment. These items, when not disposed of properly, can pollute the environment the same way the traditional, famous, "icky" hazardous wastes, like those containing dioxin and arsenic, can.

Universal wastes are different from regular hazardous wastes because they are, as the name implies, universal. They are everywhere. Until recently many viewed these products as items that could be thrown in the trash. Recent research has shown that this is not a good idea, especially when it comes to mercury.

What Harm Can Universal Wastes Do? — The most common hazardous chemical contained in universal wastes is mercury. Mercury is a neurotoxin. It slows fetal and child development and impairs brain function. High exposure can cause tremors, numbness of fingers and toes, loss of muscle control, memory loss and kidney disease. Mercury enters the human body primarily by eating fish. Recent studies of fish and loons (which eat fish) in Maine have shown mercury to be much more widespread and at higher levels of concentration than previously thought. So, lots of work must be done to reduce the levels of mercury in Maine's environment.

What Can You Do? — The most important thing you can do to keep the hazardous chemicals inside the universal waste is to remove fluorescent lamps, thermometers, thermostats, etc. from your household trash. Keep them separate and take them to a place that accepts and separates universal wastes from regular trash. Some towns are doing this now, but many have not started yet. Contact your town office or Sam Morris at the State Planning Office, (207) 287-8054, to see if your town is separating universal waste. You can contact the DEP at (207) 287-2651 or visit our website at <http://www.state.me.us/dep/rwm/hazardouswaste/index.htm> for more information.

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Wednesday, April 23, 2003 at 4pm

Subdivision Application

Project Name: Sunset Hill Subdivision
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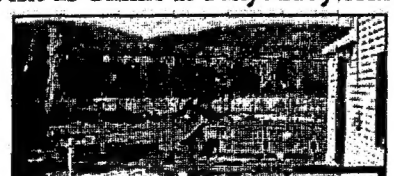
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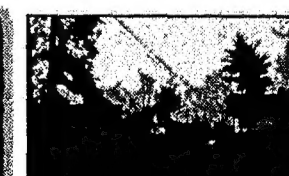


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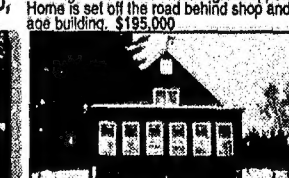
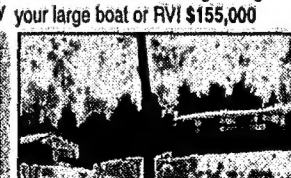


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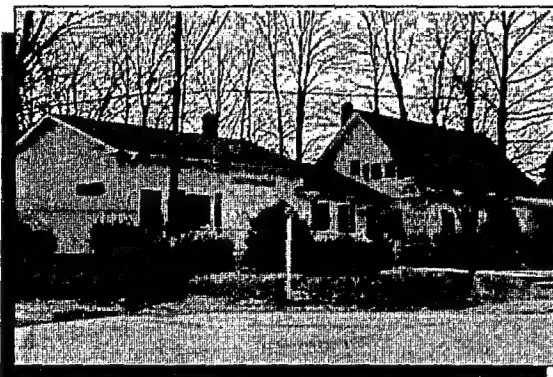
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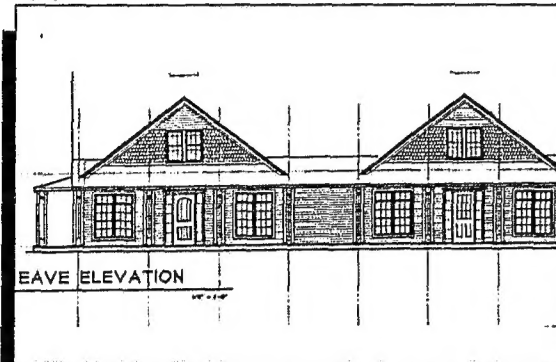
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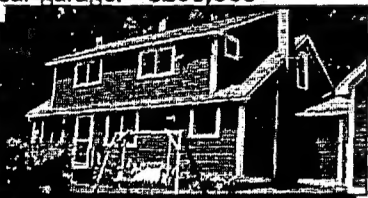
BROAD STREET - BETHEL VILLAGE: Built in 1980, this sun filled Cape is ideally located on a corner lot in a desirable residential neighborhood. Warm, welcoming interior featuring a Russian fireplace, 4+ bedrooms, attached 2 car garage. **\$265,000**



Bird's Eye View 5 1/2 acre home offers privacy in the woods with gorgeous mountain views and minutes to Mt. Abram's and Sunday River Ski Resort. This new 3 bedroom, 3 level home features an open living space, 2 1/2 baths an oversized deck, walk out basement and a fieldstone fireplace. **\$239,000**



WELL MAINTAINED SPACIOUS HOME: Located in the Village of Bethel, this home has nice woodwork, hardwood floors, large kitchen with family room, dining room, sunny living room, four bedrooms, two baths. In-law apt, barn, two car garage. **\$239,000**



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CONVENIENT CONTEMPORARY HOME: Located close to the Village, yet on a nice secluded lot on Paradise Road, this spacious five bedroom home has an efficiency apartment and many fine details. Formal dining room and living room with fireplace, sun room overlooking an above ground pool. Three car oversized garage. Farm pond, nicely landscaped yard. **\$399,000**



SOUTH POND SHORES - UNDER CONSTRUCTION: Three bedroom/two bath log sided home at South Pond Shores, 5+/- acres of land, deeded access to South Pond. Daylight walkout basement. Gas fireplace. **\$179,000**



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CARRIAGE HOUSE CONDOMINIUM: Restored Carriage House condominium which was architecturally designed with an eye for detail. Conveniently located on a nice neighborhood street within walking distance to town and the Bethel Inn & Country Club. Desirable end unit with bedroom plus sleeping loft and 1 1/2 baths. Unit #4 - **\$86,900.**



ENROUTE TO GRAFTON NOTCH: Great corner location enroute to Grafton Notch. Formerly a restaurant/convenience store with two gas pumps and above ground tanks (recently passed by DEP) Second floor apt., 2 rental cabins plus 4 older, unusable cabins on the edge of Bear River. **\$149,900**



MULTI-UNIT RENTAL PRODUCING PROPERTY: Located on highly visible Route 2 en-route to Sunday River Ski Resort, this multi-unit house has an excellent rental history. Property includes a 2+ bedroom main house, a commercial space and a 2 level storage building in excellent condition. Situated on a .55+/- acre lot w/parking in the rear. **\$144,900**



ANTIQUE NEW ENGLAND STYLE CAPE: This charming old home with an attached ell and barn boasts 6 bedrooms and 4 baths located close to the Village. Formal dining room. New kitchen, fenced in back yard, lovely mountain views and a deck with a hot tub! **\$189,000**

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Pine Bluff Subdivision - Inviting subdivision located at Pine Bluff. Nicely wooded, mountain views, privacy. 5+/- acre lots available starting at \$26,500
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Superb opportunity in this highly visible Rt. 2 location just outside of Bethel village. Formerly an antique shop, this property could serve as a private home or be a prime spot for a commercial venture. The large, old farmhouse has maintained much of its charm with many well-preserved details in the woodwork, floors and built-ins. The rooms are all bright and spacious. The attached barn has many possibilities. \$99,000.
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Obituaries

SWENDOLYN WILSON

Gwendolyn Wilson, 68, a longtime resident of Mechanic Falls, died Thursday, March 24, 2003 at the Main Street Mechanic Falls Nursing Home.

She was born in West Paris on Nov. 16, 1934, the daughter of Shirley and Clara Wilson. She had lived at the Pineland Center for a number of years before moving to the Main Street Mechanic Falls Nursing Home in 1987.

She attended a day program, Employment and Enrichment Services Outreach, provided by the John Murphy Homes. She loved the color red and enjoyed the sound of a man's voice, whether it be reading to her or just conversing.

She enjoyed outdoor activities, art and playing games. She also enjoyed dressing fashionably. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends at John F. Murphy Homes.

She is survived by her mother, Clara Wilson of West Paris; a brother, Ben Wilson of Livermore; and a cousin, Doreen Wilbur of South Woodstock.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, April 7 at 10 a.m., at the Weston-Chandler Funeral Home, 26 West Dwinall Street, Mechanic Falls, with the Rev. Melvin Young officiating. Interment will be later in the spring at South Woodstock Cemetery.

COLISTA L. COGSWELL

Colista L. Cogswell, 60, of Freeport, passed away at home on Wednesday, March 26, 2003, after losing a long battle with cancer.

Born in South Paris on Jan. 23, 1943, she was the daughter of Rena and the late Fred Curtis of Greenwood City.

Survivors include her loving husband of 42 years, Stephen F. Cogswell of Freeport; sons, Stephen F. Cogswell Jr. of New Gloucester and Troy J. Cogswell of Freeport; daughters, Karen S. Green of Freeport and Cindy L. Thurlow of Brunswick; 11 grand-

children; five brothers; one sister; and a stepson.

In lieu of a funeral and flowers, a celebration of her life was held at the home of Karen and Gary Green, Freeport, on Saturday, March 29.

DOROTHY C. WILSON

Noted author, philanthropist, and peace activist Dorothy Clarke Wilson, 98, died March 26, 2003, after a brief illness at an Orono nursing home.

She was born on May 9, 1904, in Gardiner, the daughter of the Rev. Lewis H. and Flora Cross Clarke. She was valedictorian of her graduating class at Cony High School in Augusta. She entered Bates College at the age of 17, and there had two life-changing experiences. One was meeting her beloved husband, Elwin, a fellow student. The other was winning an essay contest her senior year on Arbitration Instead of War, which focused her outlook on social issues and sparked her lifelong interest in peace activism.

Mrs. Wilson was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Bates in 1925 and married Elwin a few weeks later, on Aug. 31. The couple lived for a year in Princeton, N.J., where Elwin attended Princeton Theological Seminary and preached at a church in Perinville.

In 1926 he transferred to Boston University School of Theology and they served a pastorate in West Scarborough. Later pastorates were in Westbrook, South Portland, Biddeford, and Orono, with two terms as district superintendent in the Maine Methodist Conference for the Portland and Bangor Districts.

From 1950-1955 Elwin served as director of the Maine Christian Association at the University of Maine, later named the Wilson Center in Dorothy and Elwin's honor. Her professional writing career began in 1928, when a play she had written for Elwin's parish was accepted for publication. She was elected to receive a \$25 check for this work.

She was a prolific author who

had published 25 books and scores of essays, stories, poems, and plays, with a special focus on biographies and religious novels and plays. Her books have appealed to generations of American and international readers. Prince of Egypt (1949), perhaps her best-known work, sold more than 500,000 copies in paperback. It won the Westminster prize of \$7,500, as the best religious novel of its year, and was a primary source for the film "The Ten Commandments," directed by Cecil B. DeMille.

Also well-known are her biographies of important women, including Dorothea Dix, Elizabeth Blackwell, Alice and Edith Roosevelt, Dolly Madison, and Martha Washington. Mrs. Wilson wrote about missionaries and lepers, doctors and reformers, and people with disabilities. One of her best-loved books, The Big Little World of Doc Pritham, is about life in rural Maine. Her novels and plays have been translated and reprinted into Chinese, German, Arabic, Indonesian, Dutch, French, Danish, Thai, Hindi, Bengali, Tamil, and Malayalam.

Some of her works have been condensed by the Readers Digest and Guideposts, which assured them a broad readership. Mrs. Wilson was almost as well traveled as her words, having visited Palestine, India, Egypt, Mexico, and England. She presented almost 1,200 illustrated lectures about her books. Over her long life, Mrs. Wilson received many honors, including the honorary degrees of Doctor of Letters from Bates College in 1947, and from the University of Maine in 1984.

She received the Maryann Hartman Award from the University of Maine in 1988; the Deborah Morton Award from Westbrook College in Portland in 1989; the New England United Methodist Award for Excellence in Social Justice Ministry in 1975; the Woman of Distinction Award of Alpha Delta Kappa in 1971; the Award for Dis-

tinguished Achievement from the University of Maine at Augusta in 1977; and the Achievement Award from the American Association of University Women, Maine Division, as outstanding author, champion of individual freedom and tireless worker for social justice and positive societal change in 1988. Because of her abiding interest in peace, both in her community and in the greater world, Orono High School and University of Maine students are now awarded Dorothy Clarke Wilson Peace Awards.

She is survived by her daughter, Joan Wilson of Orono; seven grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews (Tom and Dan Gibbs of Bethel), cousins, and close friends. She was predeceased by her husband of 66 years, the Rev. Elwin L. Wilson, on March 31, 1992; and her son, Harold on Dec. 29, 1977.

A memorial service was held Saturday, March 29, at the Orono United Methodist Church. Donations in her memory may be made to the Orono United Methodist Church, 36 Oak Street, Orono 04473; the Wilson Center, 67 College Avenue, Orono 04473; or the Vellore Christian Hospital and Medical College, 475 Riverside Drive, Room 243, New York, NY 10115.

MICHAEL GREGORY CASPER
Michael Gregory Casper, of Bryant Pond, died at the Maine Veterans' Home in South Paris on March 28, 2003, after a long illness.

He was born in Bangor on Nov. 15, 1915, the son of Joseph Gregory and Dorothy Ann Casper. He graduated from John Baptist Memorial High School, one year of post-graduate at Leavitt Institute and attended Springfield College in Alabama. He served his country for six years in the Air Force during WWII in Africa and Italy, being discharged as a master sergeant.

He worked at Northeast Airlines at Bangor, which merged with

Delta Airlines, later moving to Boston, Los Angeles and back to Boston and then on to Portland where he was supervisor of maintenance when he retired on Nov. 30, 1980, after 37 years of service. After retirement, he bought a new home on Cape Cod, where his wife, the former Marguerite Merrill, whom he married in September 1946, died on Sept. 17, 1981. In February 1983 he moved to the home of Evelyn at Bryant Pond. He owned a cottage at North Pond in Woodstock for many years where he spent summer vacations.

Michael was a member of the Jackson-Silver Post American Legion of Locke Mills, the Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens and St. John's Catholic Church of Bangor.

Five nieces, two nephews and one sister-in-law, Minnie Casper of Ellsworth, survive him. Two brothers, Stephen and Edward, as well as three sisters, Victoria Ryan, Annie Shorshire and Mary Smith predeceased him.

A graveside service will be held at the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Ohio Street, Bangor at a later date.

WINIFRED B. FAULKNER
Winifred Bessey Faulkner, 79, a resident of Victorian Villa Nursing Home, Canton, died Friday morning, March 28, 2003 following a long illness.

She was born in West Paris on Nov. 7, 1923, the daughter of Cortez and Ella Frances Tambling Herick and attended the schools of Bryant Pond. On Nov. 27, 1947 she married Hollis F. Faulkner of East Stoneham and they were married for 55 years until his death in 1999. They made their home and raised their large family in Livermore.

Mrs. Faulkner was a very devoted wife, mother and grandmother, who enjoyed taking care of her family. She was a Gold Star Mother and a dedicated member of the American Legion, George L. Bunten Post 10 Auxiliary of Livermore Falls and the VFW, Frank L. Mitchell, Post 3335 Auxiliary of Jay. She enjoyed bowling, going to lawn sales and feeding the birds outside her window.

She is survived by three sons, Roy L. Faulkner of Canton, Daniel W. Faulkner and his wife Dorothy of Charlton, Mass., James Faulkner and his wife Pamela of Farmington; four daughters, Holly Hebert and her husband Michael of Sanbornville, N.H., Linda Harriman of Florida, Debra Bailey of Readfield and Darlene Tripp and her husband Colby of Winthrop; four sisters, Maxine, Joanne, Mary and Beverly;

and Anastasia.

A funeral mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of The Snows Catholic Church, Bethel, on Friday, April 4, at 1 p.m. with Rev. Maurice Lebel celebrant. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to: Bethel Historical Society, P.O. Box 12, 10-14 Broad Street, Bethel, ME 04217.

Alan is survived by his wife of 47 years, June; son Todd and Lisa Abbott of Southampton, N.Y.; daughters Tracey and Brian Cullen of Ashburn, Va.; and Andrea and Peter Kouras of Madbury, N.H.; sister, Barbara Abbott of Anaheim, Calif.; and brothers, Douglas of Island Heights, N.J., Donald of Normandy Shores, N.J., and George of Long Beach, Miss.; as well as his eight grandchildren, Carlyle, Patrick, Casey, Danny, Campbell, Alexander, Christina, and Anastasia.

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God Bless You All,
Barbara Hathaway

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